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

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SEVEN NEW PATRONS! WELCOME AND THANK YOU!



Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53
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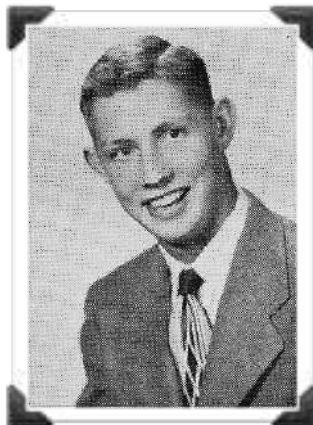
Jerry Savold '56
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Mike Savold '59
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

Some of these new Patrons included a short story with their donation and they are printed starting on page 3. As always, I encourage all Patrons that have not provided the O&B a story to do so at any time that is convenient to themselves.

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Chuck Erickson '50
WHS Senior Photo



Dr. Jim Brown '56
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Darold Gieser '55
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PATRONS AS OF 4-17-2020

PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
Dale '56 / Camile Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	
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
Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	March 11, 2020	\$50.00	
Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$25.00	
Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
Elliot Miller, MD '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	
Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	

Patron

JJ Johnson '53



Jane "JJ" Anderson
Johnson '53
WHS Senior Photo

April 10, 2020

Hi Jack,
So sorry I'm so late in
sending this, however I had
an envelope card ready
then I got the news that
my nephew in Detroit had
tested positive and everything
just went out the window!
As of today he has no fever
for four days, eating well,
but weak. God answers
prayers.
Just a little something
to keep the O&B going.
Stay home, stay safe.
Alivage
Jayne Johnson

Dear Jane,

You have been such a strong and loyal supporter of the O&B since Dec. 18, 2010 and now I truly appreciate your continued support through your generous donation to become an O&B Patron. I can only say thank you!

You are the first O&B subscriber that has reported to me of a close friend or relative that has contracted the coronavirus and I am deeply sorry. I will certainly keep you and your nephew in my prayers as I am sure many of your WHS friends will do the same.

Warmly,
Jack



Jerry Savold '56
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Patron

Jerry Savold '56

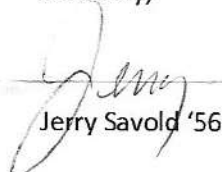
April 11, 2020

Dear Jack:

It is with some embarrassment, that I'm sending you a donation to help with the O&B at this late date since I email you back in March offering to send a monthly contribution. Unfortunately, these senior moments of forgetfulness occur far too often these days.

On behalf of my brother Mike Savold '59 (deceased) and myself, I hope that you can continue with the publication despite the increased demands on your time and resources.

Sincerely,


Jerry Savold '56

Thanks Jerry for your generosity. I feel it an honor to accept this from you and on behalf of your brother, Mike.
Jack



Mike Savold '59
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

Patron Chuck Erickson '50

Jack Phillips
Los Vegas



Chuck Erickson '50
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack,

On behalf of our family I wish to praise you for all the kind things you have done for WHS Grads of the 1950s. Creating an Orange & Black and keeping it up has been a wonderful gift to all Alumna of that era and we truly appreciate it.

Daughters of Don Qualseth and me arranged a 65th reunion of my class so I know the work involved and that you helped promoting this for all the 50 classes is another fine tribute to your character. Thank you!

My family might have the greatest number of 50 graduates. Darold {51} {deceased} Army Colonel, football starter at West Point; Joan Bakke {52} {deceased} fastest kid in our family, son David still holds 2 track records; Don {54} WHS administrator and BB Coach; Bill {55} won several middle distance track races for U of Minnesota.

Not to be included in the 50's group is Judy Anderson {62} whose sons were outstanding track stars.

I am still remain in contact with classmate Dr Emory Fillmore – a great open field runner and golfer.

Please accept a check to help you continue the Orange & Black for us old timers.

Yours gratefully,

Chuck Erickson {50}
4217 W 97th ter
Overland Park, KS 66207



Darold Erickson '51
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Joan Erickson '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Don Erickson '54
WHS Senior Photo



Bill Erickson '55
WHS Senior Photo



Judy Erickson '62
WHS Sophomore Photo

Dear Chuck, I don't know of any family that had more WHS fifties graduates than your's did. In my opinion they were all such fine, upstanding representatives of your families fine name. And so many were really outstanding athletes. Please accept my sincere thanks for your more than generous donation to the O&B. Jack



Jim Brown '56
WHS Senior Photo



Dale Peterson '56
WHS Senior Photo

Jim, Thanks for sharing your interesting and ironic story about how your life and the life of **Dale Peterson '56** have paralleled each other and have continued to bring you together to where you now live next door to each other.

You are another one of the O&B's long time supporters, since April 10, 2013, and I thank you for that faithful support including your generous donation to help defray some of the O&B's expenses over the years. Jack

Patron Dr. Jim Brown '56

Hi Jack,

Here is a donation to the O and B patron fund. I really appreciate all that you have done for many years to keep all of us alumni in touch and aware of what is happening to all us with WHS connections. It is quite a task and a labor of love, I am sure.

I would share this with you. For the last 4 years we have been snow birders going from Washington state to Arizona. The first year we came here some one had put together the latest Buzz Book of our class and sent it to we WHS alumni. As I looked through it I found that Jerry Savold and Lloyd Greiner spent winters down here in Sun City Grand as well. Fortunately the Buzz Book had email addresses in it so I got in touch with the 2 of them and their wives. Lloyd's wife Bernie was a WHS grad, class of '58 as well. WE have become such great friends and enjoy a lot of activities together. It wouldn't have happened without that Buzz Book.

Another connection was with Dale Peterson. We both graduated from Northwestern University medical school in the same class and both trained for some time at the Mayo Clinic. Dale joined the Air Force during the Viet Nam war and I jibed the US Navy, both as doctors. When I took a job with a medical group in Wenatchee, Washing they were looking for another urologist. Dale joined our group after he got out of the service and bought the house next door to ours. Each of us had 3 kids and they all grew up together. Small world isn't it. Again, thanks for all that you have done for we WHS 56 grads over the years. It has been very appreciated. Jim Brown, '56

Do you remember 7th Periods?

Gosh how I hated them! I think my Mom thought it was more punishment for her than for me. She first had to get herself up early and then go through the extremely difficult process of getting me up & there on time. Poor Mom!

4th period teacher Shaff

7th Period

Date 5-18-54

Name Jack Phillips Classification 42

is assigned to SEVENTH PERIOD in room 302 for 2 periods, beginning tomorrow.

REASON sate too many times

(4)

St. Mendel

This period begins promptly at 7:30 o'clock a. m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tardiness to seventh period calls for a tardy slip.



Darold Gieser '55
WHS Senior Photo

Patron Darold Gieser '55

DAROLD G. GIESER
2710 Duffy Lane
Long Beach, IN 46360
(219)874-3782
ruthtg@comcast.net

Dear Darold,

Yes I do remember you well from both Emerson and from WHS. I also remember our softball games on Emerson's playground. Great fun and good memories! But I'm sorry, I don't remember the coin flipping incident. I am just glad that you won both coin tosses.

You said in your letter that WHS was a "fun part of your life". I have to tell you that I always like it when I hear people say they enjoyed, or had fun at WHS. I sure did too. Over the years I have only had one person tell me they did NOT enjoy their years at WHS and that has bothered me ever since. It made me feel both sad & guilty that I enjoyed my years at WHS so much and this other person didn't.

I do want you to know how much your generous contribution to the O&B is appreciated. Thank you!
Jack Emerson '50

Mr. Jack M. Phillips, Chairman of the Board
O & B Newsletter of The Great '50s
2261 Lauren Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89134
Dear Jack,

Enclosed is my 2020 financial contribution to continued newsletter publication.

Although you probably do not remember me, I remember you from WHS, USD and Emerson grade school where you sometimes refereed the noon time "workup" softball batting order. As individuals returned to the school playground after having lunch at home, some would elect to play softball queuing next in line after the last previous individual to do so hoping to "work" his way to batter before the first warning bell rang. Those in the queue did not always agree on "who was next in line". On at least two occasions the batter after me believed he was ahead of me; in both instances you intervened as referee settling each dispute by a flip of a coin. (I am happy to say I won both coin tosses.)

WHS high school was a "fun" part of my life and Gibbs HiY was a major portion of that experience. The thirty Gibbs members were good friends and close during those years. Most went away to college and during those college years and for, I think, two years after that we had annual reunions during the Christmas season. After that contact, or at least mine, became less and less frequent – some class reunions, some '50s O&B news, occasional USD Alumni notes. Kipp Koester's personal update in your April Newsletter started me reminiscing . I would enjoy hearing from all Gibbs HiY (1952-55) members who receive this newsletter. If those members were interested, I would prepare an email address directory and/or forward correspondence as I receive it. My email address as in the letter heading is: ruthtg@comcast.net.

I earned my BS in BA with accounting major at USD and MBA from the State University of New York @ Albany; I am an Indiana CPA. My first job was with Arthur Andersen & Co. , a Big Eight international public accounting firm, in their Chicago office. It was there that I met the women to whom I have now been married fifty-four years. We have two children and four grandchildren; but no great grandchildren yet. After Chicago public accounting I served three Fortune Two Hundred corporations in controller and/or CFO positions working and living in Cleveland, New York state and in Indiana since 1972.

Jack, I join so many others in thanking you for your many many years of devoted dedication to The Great Newsletter of The "50s.

Darold G. Gieser WHS Class of 1955

Regards, Darold G. Gieser

The Fred Hecker '57 Story

Thanks to Patron, **Bob Berguin '53** for submitting Stu Whitney's outstanding Argus Leader story on Fred Hecker. Stu's story served as the anchor story around this O&B story recalling and paying tribute to just how great an athlete **Fred Hecker '57** was in high school.



Bob Berguin '53
WHS Senior



Fred Hecker '57
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

South Dakota
TRADITIONS

Multi-sport star
powered Warriors

By Stu Whitney
swhitney@argusleader.com

FRED HECKER
FOOTBALL

As always many thanks to Stu Whitney, the talented Argus Leader columnist and sports reporter.

FOOTBALL

The 1957 Washington High alum starred in football, basketball, track and golf and later helped Augie win an NCC football title.

He accounted for 95 points as a 6-foot-1, 175-pound junior, and as a senior he made All-America on an undefeated powerhouse despite breaking his collarbone and missing five games.

Of course, as a four-sport athlete, Hecker was just getting started:

» In basketball, he helped the Warriors claim state titles as a sophomore and junior. As a senior, he was named All-American as the Warriors finished 21-3 and fell in the state finals to Belle Fourche.

» In track and field, Hecker was a major part of three state team titles while fueling a mile relay squad that dominated South Dakota competition.

» In golf, Hecker led the Warriors to the 1956 state team title as a junior, earning medalist honors with rounds of 68 and 73.

"If you talk to guys of my era, nobody would argue his pre-eminence as an athlete," says 1962 Washington grad Terry Comstock, now a local golf professional. "You're talking about a guy who would compete in the shot put, and then head over to play in the state golf tournament and win it. Football was his sport, but he was a tough competitor in just about everything."

Hecker played college football at Northwestern under Ara Parseghian before transferring to Augustana to join his old coach, Burns, and former teammates Simko and Luce.

Though slow to regain the superiority of his prep years, Hecker helped Augustana win its first and only North Central Conference football title in 1959.

Many years before Dusty Coleman or Nate Gerry set modern standards for multi-sport success in Sioux Falls, Fred Hecker was casting the mold.

The 1957 Washington High School alum, who died of cancer in 2006, mixed toughness and talent to become one of the greatest all-around athletes in South Dakota history.



Fred Hecker

"He believed he could do anything, and as a result he did just about everything," says John Simko, a close friend who played alongside Hecker in several sports at Washington and football at Augustana College.

"We've all heard those sports cliches like ferocious competitor, never say die and refuse to lose. Well, put all those together, and you'd have half the measure of Fred's capacity. He was the kind of guy that everybody wanted on their team."

Hecker did his best to oblige, earning 11 letters at Washington in football, basketball, track and golf. By soaring in those four sports, he helped define an era in which the Warriors were an Upper Midwest prep sports powerhouse.

The son of a former Purdue football standout, Hecker was a bruising fullback and three-time all-state pick under legendary coach Bob Burns. As part of a talented class that also included Simko and quarterback Jim Luce, Hecker led the Warriors to a 23-2 record from 1954-56.

He graduated in 1963 and made his career in the Air Force, retiring as a full colonel in 1988. He served as a consultant for a San Diego technology firm after that, but a stroke in 1992 led to a doctor's edict to "play lots of golf." Hecker took him seriously.

Determined to make the Senior Tour, he chased down mini-tours and qualifiers with the same spark and spunk he showed as a tough-nosed fullback at Howard Wood Field.

Hecker was vindicated somewhat in 1996, when he qualified for the U.S. Senior Open in Beechwood, Ohio. With typical confidence, he announced his intention to win before shooting a pair of 83s to miss the cut.

A tougher battle emerged a few years ago, when Hecker was diagnosed with prostate cancer after doctors found a tumor in his bladder. The cancer later spread to his bones, but Hecker still made it back to South Dakota and insisted on going to the golf course.

"He died exactly the way he played sports – he believed he was going to beat it," says Simko, a federal judge who first met Hecker when they were fourth-graders at Longfellow Elementary. "It was one more thing he was sure he could do – and in a way he did it. He survived a lot longer than doctors thought that he would."

In 2002, Hecker was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame – joining his friend Simko and sealing his status as one of the state's most accomplished athletes.



1957 Mile Relay Team: Ralph Scheinost '57, Larry Torkelson '57, Fred Hecker '57 & Rick Devereaux '57. The 1957 WHS Mile Relay Team won 1st at 8 out of 7 meets they competed in. They set a new record of 3:29.1 at The 1957 Howard Wood Dakota Relays



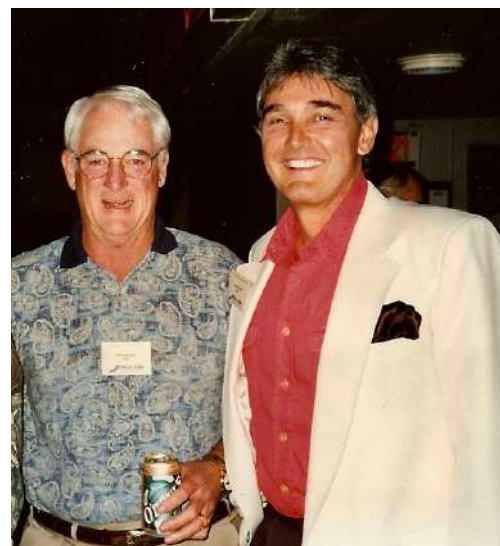
**Fred Hecker, Fullback
WHS Senior Year**



**Fred Hecker '57, Forward
WHS Senior Year**



I to r: Fred Hecker '57, Mike Gibson '56, Wes Plummer '56 & Marvin Boegler '56. Hecker led the WHS Golf Team to win highest honors in the 1956 SD State Tournament. Plummer won 2nd, Gibson won 3rd & Boegler won 9th.



**Fred Hecker '57 & Jack Phillips '54
At the 1995 All School Reunion.
Forgive me but I couldn't resist including this last photo I have of Fred that just happens to be with me. I was always honored and happy just to be in Fred's presence.**

Hecker Elected

1956 / 57

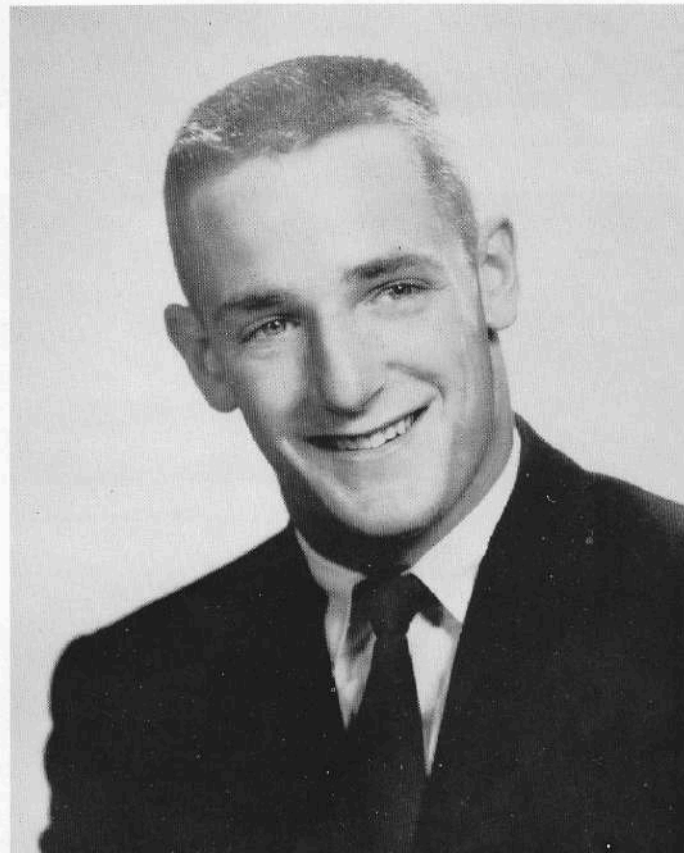
Homecoming Marshall!

In addition to all of Fred's awards and honors he was also chosen in 1957 as WHS Homecoming Marshall by a vote of the entire student body.

Homecoming Queen or Marshall is without a doubt the biggest and most prestigious honor a student can receive since it is decided on by a vote of one's peers. It certainly testifies how personable and likable Fred always remained among his fellow classmates and in my observations the public in general. Fred told me once that he felt being chosen WHS homecoming Marshall was one the biggest honors he ever received. Jack



Marshal Fred Hecker



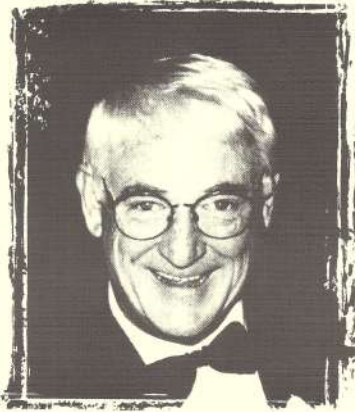
Royalty Greeting Their Subjects: l to r: Royalty, Karen Grove, Marshal, Fred Hecker, & Queen Karen Osgood.



Queen, Karen Osgood & Marshall Fred Hecker.

John Frederick Hecker

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JOHN FREDERICK HECKER



JULY 2, 1939 ~ JUNE 26, 2006

Fred passed away, at his home in Lakeside, California on June 26, 2006 at 5:00 in the evening. He is survived by his wife Terry, children Casey Hecker-Franklin, Mason Hecker, grandchildren, Jack, Drew, and Madeline Hecker, and Brice Franklin sister Donna Hecker-Shearer and brother, Frank Hecker.

Born in Hinsdale, Illinois July 2, 1939, Hecker graduated from Sioux Falls Washington High in 1957. Hecker attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and then graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls in 1963 where he met his wife Terry. He was a high school All-American in football and basketball and excelled in golf and track. He was inducted into the "South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame" for his athletic accomplishments.

Hecker was accepted into the Air Force OTS in 1964 and in 1988 retired as a full colonel. He served in Viet Nam and was highly decorated being honored with:

- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Meritorious Service Medal 2 Oak Cluster
- Air Medal One Silver Oak Cluster
- Air Force Commendation Medal 2 Oak Cluster
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
- Combat Readiness Medal
- 12 other honor awards and medals

After retirement he worked for SAIC in San Diego, California as a consultant working for the Air Force until he retired to become a professional golfer in 1992. He qualified for and played in the 1996 U.S. Senior Open in Cleveland, Ohio.

Memorial Service for J. Fred Hecker will be held at
Rosecrans National Cemetery
Point Loma, California
Wednesday July 5, 2006
9:00 in the morning
Services are being conducted by
Dr. James Wilson



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.





Thanks to Royce Adams '58 for sending this great video of our wonderful years. There have been so many of these videos circulating over the years I haven't forwarded one on in years, but this one offers some extras. Hope you enjoy it.

Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

This is a great video....

For those of you who experienced the iconic mid-1950's through to early 1960's, it will never be repeated.

The cars are fantastic.

The music was nostalgic.

We were rich and did not know it!

We were innocent and thought we were experienced

We were very fortunate to have lived in such an era.

Enjoy the past as revealed here.

Who knows what the future will bring?

PS: The secret's out! They actually show where the gas filler is on a 56 Chevy! (Turn up your speakers....)

Also look for the convertible hard top, white wall tires, dances and proms, and drive in movies, and so much more.

<http://biggeekdad.com/2013/01/the-best-of-times>

Memorable Occasion

From: Sherill Harvey Kinsley '54

<kinsleysd@aol.com

Date: April 1, 2020

Hi, Jack.

I don't know if you publish things like this, but Dick (Class of '51) and I will celebrate our 65th anniversary on April 8th. We were married in the chapel of First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. Being self quarantined because of the Corona Virus gives us lots of time to reminisce over lots of wonderful memories.

Thanks, Jack, for all you do, and keep well.

Sherill Kinsley '54



Dick Kinsley '51
WHS Senior Photo



Sherill Harvey '54
WHS Senior Photo



Happy 65th Anniversary to Dick '51 and Sherill '54!

After Sherill and Dick Kinsley were nice enough to share their 65th anniversary toast photo (above) with the O&B I requested photos of their original wedding and a story of their 65 years together. They kindly obliged with the following wonderful story and photos. I sincerely thank them both and wish them many more happy and healthy years together. You guys will always make a beautiful loving couple. Jack

From: Sherill Kinsley <kinsleysd@aol.com>

Subject: Memorable Occasion

Date: April 4, 2020 at 2:18:51 PM EDT

To: jackmp@me.com

Hi, Jack,

Thanks for the lovely note. I am sending some photos for you to choose from.

How do I tell you about the last 65 years? First, we dated all through my Junior and Senior year at WHS while Dick was attending Nettleton College. Right across the street was Dickenson's Bakery where we met every morning before school. I think that because he liked sweet rolls and coke for breakfast that sealed the deal for me! We both graduated and worked for a year before we were married on April 8th, 1955 at First Baptist Church. Our son was born, and Dick worked in banking.

In the fall of 1956 our friends, **Linda Bradley Benson (Class of '54)** and her husband, Don, stopped by to tell us they planned to move to California. Within a short time we decided to go with them. So, we purchased a two wheel trailer together (\$50), and packed up what we could get in it. We left for California with \$635.00 in our pocket in October. Linda and Don landed in Anaheim, CA with her sister and family. We headed to Glendale where we stayed with **Shari Clayton Smith (Class of '54)** and her husband, Dick until we found an apartment. We found jobs and a babysitter the first week. And, so began our 18 year stint in California.

Dick and I both worked in the insurance industry. Our second son was born the following year. We loved living in California, especially the last two years in Huntington Beach.

In 1974 an opportunity presented itself. My father and his partner owned all but one taxi company in Sioux Falls. The plan was for us to buy their completion and merge all the companies into Yellow Cab Co. in Sioux Falls which we owned until 1997. During those years we traveled extensively throughout the U.S. in our motorhome. We lost our firstborn son in a hunting accident. Our second son lives in Sioux Falls, and ran the business until his retirement last fall. One granddaughter lives in Minneapolis and our grandson lives in Sioux Falls.

We have never regretted returning to our hometown, even though I wouldn't trade the years in California for anything. Now, we spend our time with friends and family. Dick belongs to a bridge club, plays pinochle, gin rummy, pitch and golf. I belong to several bridge clubs and play Mahjong every week. Life is good for us.

Jack, I know this is long, so feel free to edit it any way you want. Also, just pick out whatever pictures you want. Thanks for doing this. It was impossible to celebrate this year so this was fun for us.

Sherill and Dick Kinsley

Sherill and Dick, thank you so much for taking the time to write your most interesting letter. AND,,,, No, it was not too long at all. I thoroughly enjoyed your beautiful story and I am sure lots of my readers will too.



Mrs. Richard A. Kinsley — Photo by Harrop

Kinsley-Harvey Wedding Is Event at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church was the setting Friday night for the wedding of Miss Sherill Deane Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verne W. Harvey, 1115 S. Cliff Ave., and Richard A. Kinsley, son of Mrs. C. C. Kinsley, 1107 W. 15th St. The Rev. E. P. Quinton read the service before an assemblage of 125 guests.

The bride walked with her father and for her wedding wore dotted tulle in ballerina length with lace jacket made with Peter Pan collar and long fitted sleeves. Her chapel-length veil was secured to a lace cap-crown. She carried a lace covered fan with a bouquet of yellow and white roses.

Miss Shirley Smelzer, Sioux City, was bridesmaid and her gown was of yellow lace in ballerina length, made in colonial style. She carried a bouquet of white and yellow roses.

Calvin Kehn, Bridgewater, attended as best man. Robert Kins-

ley and William Harvey, brothers of the couple, seated the guests. Mrs. C. B. Van Ausdall was at the organ.

A reception was held in the parlors where Mrs. D. E. Harvey listed the guests. Mrs. Richard Roesler and Miss Joan Brisbin displayed the gifts. Mrs. Donald Kinsley served the wedding cake and Mrs. Robert Kinsley was at the silver service.

For her wedding trip to Minneapolis, the bride changed to a suit of blue faille trimmed with pearls and rhinestones, and with this she wore white accessories. The at-home date is Tuesday, April 12 and the address is 423 W. 14th St.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley are both graduates of Washington High School. The bridegroom was graduated from Nettleton Commercial College and is associated with the Northwest Security National Bank.





On Apr 6, 2020, at 5:09 PM, Sherill Kinsley <kinsleysd@aol.com> wrote:
Hi, Jack.

This picture was taken in November, 1956. I think we were at Linda's sisters house in Anaheim. Olive was her sister, and she was married to Bill Beckett. I will run down the names as you asked:

First row, left to right is **me, '54, Shari Clayton'54 Deceased, Linda Bradley '54 Deceased** and Joanne Hemmauer. I really didn't know her well, but I know she went to Cathedral.

Back row, left to right is **Dick Kinsley '51**, Dick Smith, Don Benson, **Olive Bradley Beckett '48 Deceased** and Bill Beckett. If you look closely at Olive she looks very much like Linda. The last person is John Coyle, a date of Joanne who had nothing to do with WHS or S.D. Linda's husband was from Wakonda I think. I don't know anything about Dick Smith. As for the occasion, it was the first time we all got together after the move.

Wish I could give you more clarification, but after all, it was 60+ years ago! Hope this is helpful.

Sherill

Sherill,

Again, thanks so much for taking the time to prepare and submit all of the above. I hope my other readers will now follow your good example and send their own stories and photos.

Jack



Dennis York '55
WHS Senior Photo

Dennis York '55

If you liked the video that **Royce Adams '58** sent on the top of page 12, you might also like this really sexy video of automobile tail lights from the fifties that my friend **Denny York '55** sent. I'm hoping tail lights are not just a man's thing???

I am also hoping that Dennis is fully recovered from his really bad fall on August 29, 2019 when he broke his hip and 4 ribs. I haven't heard any more from him since he wrote on Dec. 8, 2019 saying, "*I graduated from wheelchair to walker about 2 weeks ago and returned to my apartment. Working on getting to a cane.*" Knowing how tough Dennis is I bet he has graduated and doing fine by now. Denny, please let us know. Jack

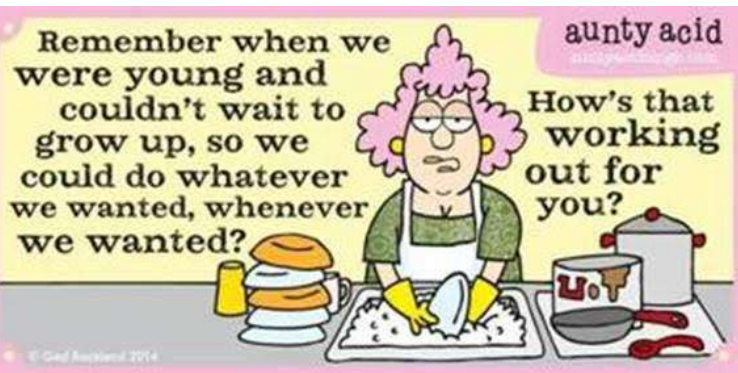


Laurel Pierce '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 14, 2020, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <laufred@att.net> sent some humor:



"Bad news, its curiosity"



I hate it when
I'm singing a
song and the
artist gets the
words wrong.



Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 12, 2020, **Carl Turco '58** <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> sent some tee shirt humor.



“I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' “

Eleanor Roosevelt



The Eleanor Roosevelt Rose

“Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.' “

Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)



**Ron Veenker '54
WHS Senior Photo**

On Apr 11, 2020, **Ronald Veenker '54** <ronald.veenker@wku.edu> wrote:
Dear Jack,

I always read your Special Edition posts with interest. Sometimes I see the face before linking to the PDF file and immediately recognize the person whether I can come up with the name or not. I read what is offered as an act of respect for those years we all spent in the halls of WHS. I often feel pride for the people I didn't follow after high school when I see what rich lives they have led and that makes me very happy. Sometimes there is not much text available and, even though I recognize the name and face, I am pleased to have shared a moment with them.

Then there are those that just smack you in the face and you are immediately plunged into grief and shock. That was what happened to me when I received **Sp Ed 4-5-20**

George Aker '54 #26-20. We were together in the kindergarten class, Fall '42, at Mark Twain. That was the group that entered first grade in January after only a few months of socializing in Mrs. Weinman's classroom. We are that small group of the class of '54 who are still a year younger than the rest of you. The Akers lived west of Minnesota Ave and the Veenkers lived east. Of course we all learned the way to Mark Twain which we walked four times a day. One frigid morning the Sioux Falls Public Schools were closed — not because of snow, but because of wind chill. This must have been no later than 3rd grade and we were all disappointed because we loved school. Does that sound right? I called George or he called me and we thought we should get together at my house and play. So, after Dora Aker and my mother Lillian agreed, we planned to meet on the playground at the school. Mark Twain was about half-way for both of us. It was a really blustery and scary day. We were more than a little anxious and, meeting near the ball diamond, we decided to call it off and go to our respective homes. A couple of years later when I recalled that fateful day, I was a little embarrassed when I realized that if we had gone together to my house it would have been safer and my dad would have driven him home. Oh, well.

We all had many strong connections from the 9 years of elementary school. Yet those connections were so quickly dissolved when we found ourselves in that huge cavern in downtown Sioux Falls.

I don't think you'll have trouble finding George in the back row. I'm in the second row, 2nd from the left. You can't see me because I was trying to sit close to **Dorothy Langley** in the front row. **Kay McCahren** and **Sandy Taylor** are 3rd and 4th from the right, front row.

George had an amazing and exemplary life of service and success. He was a true gem. I know you were close to him at WHS. I believe he and **Jack Kittelson '54** were football managers, were they not?

All the best **Jack** and stay safe,

Ron Veenker '54





Photo right:
George "Jugs" Aker
'54, Deceased, and
Jack Kittelson '54
hard at work
painting 44 pair of
black football shoes
and polishing 44
helmets. This
daunting task was
repeated each
week for the entire
nine game season.



Jack Kittelson '54
WHS Senior Photo

Wow Ron, I am continually impressed by so many things about you and the fact you knew who our 1953 football student managers were is now added to that list! Yes, you are right, **George Aker '54 deceased** and **Jack Kittelson '54** were the student managers of our 1953 football team. And without any doubt they were they best student managers any WHS team ever had.

Before every game they polished all of our helmets and shoes as you can see in the above photo. As everyone knows our undefeated 1953 team was without a doubt the best WHS football team ever!!! But even if we weren't the best football team, our appearance would have dazzled the socks off our opponents thanks to George and Jack's hard work.

A side note that a lot of us from the class of '54 are very proud of is that we were undefeated in all four years of high school football. That is, we never lost a game as freshman, sophomores or varsity. *Go Warriors!* (Isn't it written somewhere that old men are allowed to brag.)



Jim Ward '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 11, 2020, **James Ward '53** <j-cward@charter.net> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Attached is a picture of me with **Jim Dalton '53** on the California coast near Carmel. Jim has been a consummate gardener for years – he has a beautiful garden at his home in Carmel Valley. For several years we exchanged visits at his home and our beach place in Newport Beach, CA. I talked to Jim just a couple of days ago and he and Rene are considering moving to La Quinta, CA. Jim's kids are in Santa Barbara, CA, Scottsdale, AZ and northern CA.

The second picture, from a few years back shows me out to lunch with **Connie Roth Nagle '53**. Connie lives in Temecula, CA, about 40 minutes from my home. We get together every year or two for lunch.

I just spoke on the phone with **Marnie Young Powell '53**. She lives in Walnut Creek, CA in a lovely senior citizen community. My wife, Carole, and I stopped by to see her a couple years back but currently I cannot locate the photo I took of her. If I find it, I will send it along. Until recently, Marnie was active playing pickle ball but she has a bad knee and does not want to fall. During the quarantine, her 3 times a week bridge sessions have been shut down.

Yesterday, **John Ewing '53** phoned me. For many years, John kept a home for use half of the year in Sioux Falls but recently he moved to Shawnee, KS. He and Ruth still spend half a year in Arizona. Last time I saw him was a couple of years ago. My wife Carole and I had just lost our youngest son and we were having an open house/ memorial gathering at our home in Riverside. Who walks in the door? John and Ruth. They drove over from their place south of Phoenix. The time before that that I saw John was at a Sioux Falls gathering in Phoenix a few years back. Typical of John, he was in charge of the event. John and Ruth have seven kids between them and countless grandkids living all over the country.

Inspired by the call with John, I called **Al Borgen '53** at his home in Sioux Falls. Al keeps up with everybody so he was able to fill me in on our friends in Sioux Falls.

The forgoing account of contacts is proof positive that there is some good that comes from being hunkered down because of a virus. Your last newsletter made me smile a couple times. You mentioned **Bruce "Choo choo" Miller '53**. When I was going to school in Vienna, Austria in 1955, I was astounded to see Choo Choo. I shouted his name and ran up to him – only to discover it was a perfect stranger! Then, there was the picture of the main square in Prague, Czech Republic. I spent a couple weeks there about 10 years ago teaching lawyers from Kosovo the value of our system of American jurisprudence. I love your newsletter!

Jim Ward '53



I. to r. All Class of '53: Jim Dalton, Connie Roth, Marlene Young, John Ewing, Al Borgen, Bruce Choo Choo Miller deceased

And Jim, I love your letters! Thanks so much!
Jack

Photo Right:
Jim Ward '53 &
Connie Roth '53



Photo Right:
Jim Ward '53 &
Jim Dalton '53



Sharon Knepper '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 14, 2020, **Sharon Knepper Reinan '56** <sharon.reinan@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for doing this. I hope all is well with you. I'm hunkered down in Fort Collins, CO, where two of my daughters live. I've kept busy polishing my next cozy mystery. Check me out on Amazon,
Sharon (Knepper) Reinan, class of 1956



Ramona Evans '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 14, 2020, **Ramona Evans Wanger '56**<ramonawanger1@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, I just found out today that my good friend **Charlene Moret Elmstrand '56** passed away in February. I have kept in touch with her and hadn't talked to her since about Thanksgiving. I called and got **Rodean Elmstrand '56** who gave me the bad news. She has had Cancer for some time. Her first bout with it was in remission and then the latest diagnosis was Multiple Myeloma which was what took her life. She apparently didn't want much news put out so nothing has been published in the Argus Leader and there was a nominal Obit in the funeral home website (Wiederspahn- Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes, Cheyenne, WY) and a minimum one in the local newspaper, so I have pieced together from these sources and added my personal two-cents which I am hopeful that is pretty factual. I know I missed names. I just feel like our class needs to know and I did get Rodean's permission to send this info to you to share. She was a beautiful special lady. She and her Dad used to pick me up to go to high school and later she would pick me up to go to Augustana. During high school, she, **Glenice Langdon Erickson '56** and I all worked as cashiers at The Sunshine Market on 10th St. What fond memories. Rodean and Charlene would spend the Winters in Laughlin, AZ. One year we joined them there for a few days and caught up and it was



Charlene Moret '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased
See Sp Ed #31-20



Glenice Langdon '56
WHS Senior Photo



Rodean Elmstrand '56
WHS Senior Photo

like we never lived hundreds of miles away. On another occasion we visited them in their home in Cheyenne when she was at the tail end of her first bout.

Anyway, I wanted to let you know this and also want to let you know how I appreciate this vehicle that you make possible for our classes to keep up with each other and that you agreed to continue blessing us for a little longer. We lived in Orange County, CA for 48 years and moved to Branson, MO in 2007 and have lived in West Plains, MO for 2 1/2 years and hope to get to Durant, OK when our house in Branson sells. We have loved all the places we have lived. We have friends in so many places and really enjoy keeping in touch with all of them.. That's it for now. **Ramona Evans Wanger '56.**

Charlene Faye Moret Elmstrand

Born on Tuesday August 09, 1938 in Chandler, Minnesota, and passed away Monday February 19, 2020 in Cheyenne, Wyoming where she has resided for most of her married life with Rodean Elmstrand. Charlene and Rodean both

graduated from Washington High School, Sioux Falls, SD in 1956. They both graduated from Augustana College. Charlene taught grade school for the entire time until retirement in the Cheyenne School district. She dearly loved her students and teaching brought joy to her. Others that brought joy to her were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to these she leaves behind one son and one daughter and other relatives and scores of friends and associates. Her parents and a brother preceded her in death.

Ramona, again thank you for alerting the O&B of Charlene's passing. As you know, a Special Edition went out on her on April 14, 2020. I am curious why you are going to Durant, OK? That is where I was born. We only lived there until I was about 2 so I don't remember it at all, but I never hear of anyone having any connection to Durant. Jack

A MAJOR CONCERN FROM YOUR EDITOR!

Just a few minutes ago I received 5 emails all of which were sent to me in Sept. of 2018 but I just received all 5 of them. Mail delays like this always concern me greatly. I have to wonder how many other emails I have never received??? As I have told you before, I normally receive between 100 and 200 emails each day. I want you all to know that I read every one and attempt to appropriately deal with all of them. But I continually worry about the Internet failing and I just don't receive something from you that you feel is important. If that should happen to you please resend it. It is best that you please don't rely on texting me since I don't regularly check my text messages. Also just so you know I am not much into Facebook, Tweeter, etc., etc. Jack

**FIRST TIME IN
HISTORY**

**WE CAN SAVE THE
HUMAN RACE BY LAYING
< IN FRONT OF THE T.V.
AND DOING NOTHING**

**LETS NOT
SCREW THIS UP**

20 years ago we had
Johnny Cash, Bob Hope,
and Steve Jobs.

Now we have no Cash,
no Hope, and no Jobs.

**— PLEASE —
DO NOT
let Kevin Bacon die.**