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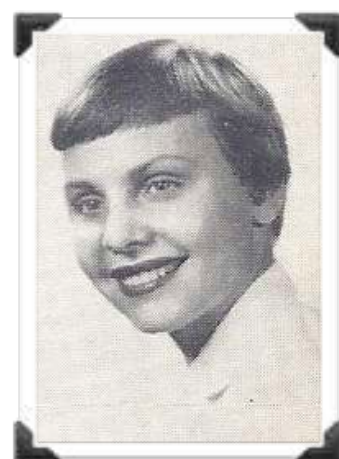
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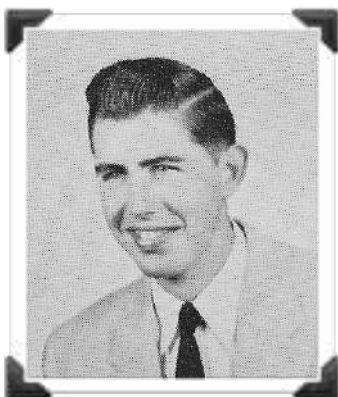
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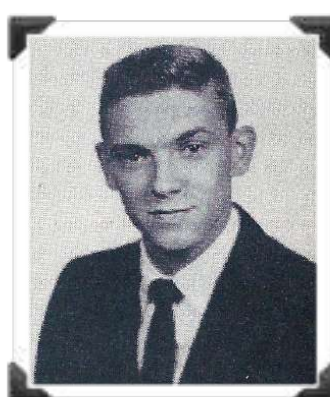
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Our Beloved Halls



	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
1	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	
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	Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
4	Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
5	Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
6	Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	March 11, 2020	\$50.00	
7	Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$25.00	
8	Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
9	Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
10	Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
11	Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
12	Dr. Elliot Miller, '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
13	Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
14	Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
15	Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
16	James Eastman'59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
17	Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
18	Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
19	Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
20	Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
21	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	
22	Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	
23	Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
24	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	April 15, 2020	\$50.00	
25	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield, Hills, MI	April 14, 2020	\$158.00	

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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 Thoeke '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	



FALLS PARK IN SIOUX FALLS

Patron

Barbara Taylor Sampson '62

4/13/20



Barbara Taylor Sampson '62
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack,
Thank you so much for your decision to continue with the publication of the O & B newsletter. I truly enjoy reading about the '50's classmates. I know so many, especially classes of '54 (Sandy-Saylor Baumann), '56 (Mary Saylor Herrick), and '59 (Tom Saylor). I graduated in the class of '62 and my sister Kathy in '64. Five Saylor kids graduated from our wonderful high school. We were all blessed with a terrific education and a wealth of friendships and memories!

I didn't graduate in the '50's but ask you to accept my donation so that I can continue reading your informative publication).

Please continue as you are able to to share this special gift. I really appreciate all your hard work!

My Very Best to you & Debra

Barbara Saylor Sampson
btsamp3535@gmail.com

Tom Saylor deceased 1985
Kathy Saylor deceased 2002



Dear God,
Please send clothes
to those poor ladies
on Daddy's computer.

Patron

Mary Taylor Herrick '56



Mary Taylor Herrick '56
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack,

Enclosed please find a token of my appreciation for all your hard work in keeping the 50's uniformed. It is such hard work. I love getting my name from you. I am Mary Taylor Herrick and live in Cleveland, Ohio which is my husband Jack's hometown. We met at Northwestern Law School and were married in 1962 in Sioux Falls. But after graduation moved back to Cleveland and have been here ever since. My sister Sandy lives in New Orleans, is widowed and has 4 sons. Barb, class of 62 lives in Sioux Falls. Sandy is Class of '54 and I am '56. My late brother Tom was '59 and my late sister Kathy was '65. So all five Taylor kids went to Mark Twain and then WHS. Our children live across the street from us, daughter Catherine, her husband Riley and children Nell and Jack. Son John and Gene and and three or 4, Charles and Taylor are also across the street. So, in this time of distancing they walk their dogs over and talk to us through the front door. Jack and I are not traveling like we used to when he was head of the World Squash group (43 countries) but not unless it is not allowed but we are glad to settle down here. Please keep up the good work Jack and know how much you are appreciated. Mary Taylor Herrick.

**I HATE IT WHEN I SEE
SOME OLD PERSON AND
THEN I REALIZE WE WENT
TO HIGH SCHOOL
TOGETHER.**



COURTESY OF
Sharon Johnson Frank
'54

Patron

Mike '56 & Carla Thaelke '56 Gibson



Mike Gibson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Carla Thaelke Gibson '56
WHS Senior Photo



(You took this picture of us at
Warner and Karen's in Mesa
a few years ago.)

Dear Jack, We are still in Arizona, in lockdown, and just finished reading your new O & B Newsletter. It is always fun to receive and read news of the WHS 50s grads. The video of the 50s from Royce Adams was great as we listened to the special music of our era. How lucky we all were to be a part of it then in Sioux Falls!

The end of May we plan on leaving AZ. and heading back to our little town of Graeagle, CA. No virus there so far. On July 2nd we'll be celebrating 60 years of marriage with Mike's birthday July 4th. Glad we did not schedule a cruise or big gathering for that time due to the virus situation.

We are most fortunate to have so many WHS friends here in AZ. Had a small break in lockdown and went to Marilyn and Tom Simmons home for pizza last weekend. They only live a couple of blocks away. We usually see Karen and Warner Brown and Bud and June Olson, Connie Zimmerman and Liz Stern often. The girls play bridge together once a month. Not to be this month.

Our best to you and your continuing time and efforts to keep us up to date with news about the 50s from WHS. Enclosed you will find a small contribution to keep the news coming! Can't thank you enough.

Mike and Carla Gibson

Friends

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. Days, months and years will pass until our contact becomes rare. One day, our children will see our photos and ask: "Who are these people?" And we will smile with invisible tears and say... "It was with them that I had the best days of my life."

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Roger '55 & Permella Bedford '56 Kielman



Roger Kielman '55
WHS Senior Photo



Permella Bedford '56 Kielman
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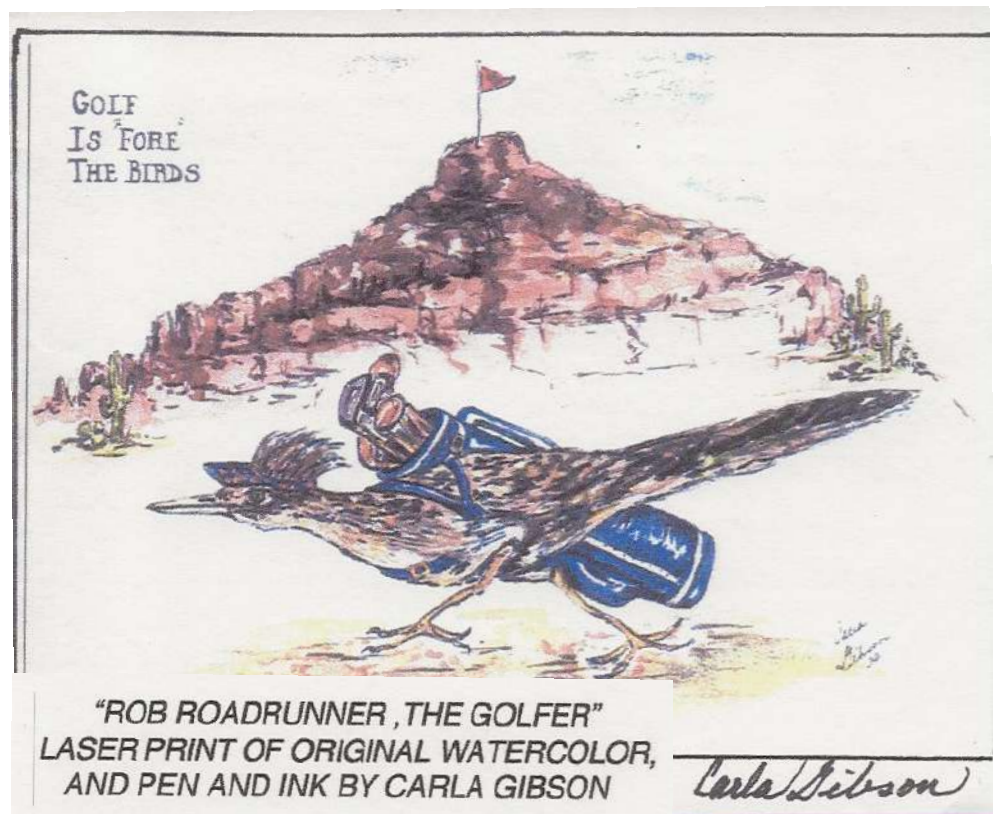
Dear Jack,

Please add this to the O&B
Appreciation fund. It is such
a wonderful tie to Sioux Falls
and our days at WHS.

Please note the front of
this card. It is done by
my good friend and classmate
Carla Thoele Gibson (Class of '56)

Thanks again for all your
hard work!

Roger and Permella Kielman
('55) ('56)

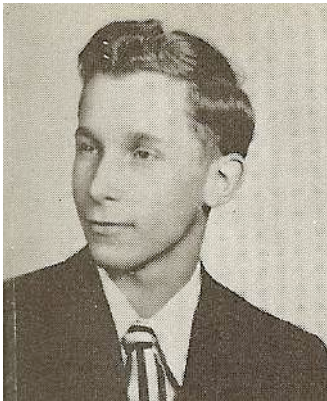


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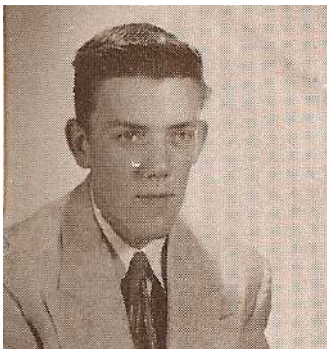
Merlyn "Chris" Christensen '54



**Merlyn "Chris"
Christensen '54
WHS Senior Photo**



**Paul Lindberg '54
WHS Senior Photo**



**Larry Lottmann '54
WHS Senior Photo**

21 Lexington Court
Hudson, NH 03051
April 21, 2020

Jack,

I am enclosing a donation to the WHS O&B. I enjoy receiving it a great deal and am thankful that you are continuing it. It is nice to read the stories of WHS grads from the 50's generation. I appreciate all the efforts that you put in to this wonderful publication.

I am also enclosing a copy of the enlistment orders from January 1955 when fellow classmates of '54 Paul Lindberg and Larry Lottman enlisted with me. Unfortunately both Paul and Larry are no longer with us and I had lost track of both over the years. The copy is rather light but maybe it is something you can use in your next publication. Possibly relatives or other friends might be interested in seeing this. I am not sure what high schools the other men attended but I believe they were from the area around Sioux Falls. I seem to remember that Francis O'Neal was possibly cousin "Skeeter" but memory fails me.

Thanks again for all you work on the O&B and thanks especially for deciding to continue its publication.

These are unusual times we are going through right now but we will come out of them better and stronger. Stay well.

Kindest regards,

Merlyn "Chris" Christensen
WHS Class of '54

**JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE MAD AT SOMEONE
DOESN'T MEAN YOU STOP LOVING THEM**



Patron Dick Jensen '55



Dick Jensen '55
WHS Senior Photo

4-22-2020

DEAR JACK,

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO AS
EDITOR OF THE ORANGE & BLACK
NEWSLETTER. IT IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED !!

I LEFT SIOUX FALLS IN 1959
AFTER GRADUATING FROM AUGUSTANA.
(WHS '55). NEVER SPENT MUCH
TIME THERE SINCE AS WE HAVE
NO FAMILY IN SIOUX FALLS.

YOUR NEWSLETTER HAS ~~FOR~~ KEPT
ME CONNECTED WITH CLASSMATES
& FRIENDS, AS WELL AS HAPPENINGS
IN SIOUX FALLS. I STILL FEEL
CONNECTED BECAUSE OF THE
ORANGE & BLACK NEWSLETTER.
THANKS FOR THAT.

MANY PLEASANT MEMORIES FROM
MY WHS DAYS. WHILE SAD TO
SAY GOODBYE WITH THE ~~OBITS~~
OBITS POSTINGS, IT IS UPLIFTING
TO READ ABOUT ALL THE GREAT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GREAT
GRADS OF WHS OF THE SD'S

ENCLOSED IS MY CONTRIBUTION
TO HELP WITH YOUR EXPENSES

Sincerely
Dick "LEFTY" Jensen

In YMCA Tourney



REPRESENTING SIOUX FALLS in Section 1 of Hi-Y play in the 25th annual YMCA Tri-State basketball tournament Friday and Saturday will be the Grebin Hi-Y team shown above. Top row, left to right, Coach Don Grebin, Dick Jensen, Larry Harrington, James Halpin and Al Christensen. Bottom row: Dick Sheldon, Maynard Hennings, Dennis Zen and Tom Trautman.

OUR GREBIN HI-Y TEAM
WON THE SECTION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP.
THE SAME YEAR, 1955, WE
SCRAMAGED THE VARSITY
WHS TEAM IN A WARM-UP
GAME TO THE STATE TOURNEY.
WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE
A GREAT GAME & DEFEATED
THEM !! THEY WENT ON
TO WIN THE STATE TOURNEY
IN 1955 !!

JIM HALPIN ALWAYS
REMINDS ME OF THAT !!
WE WERE ALL CLASSMATES '55



Why women live
longer than
men.

Patron Dick Jensen continued.



Warrior Alumni

These Washington High School basketball alumni, and a few others not shown, will oppose the current Warrior team tomorrow night at Washington gym, beginning at 8 o'clock. Left to right, front row, are Jim Rallis, Dick Ronken, Karl Schlicht, Bud Olson,

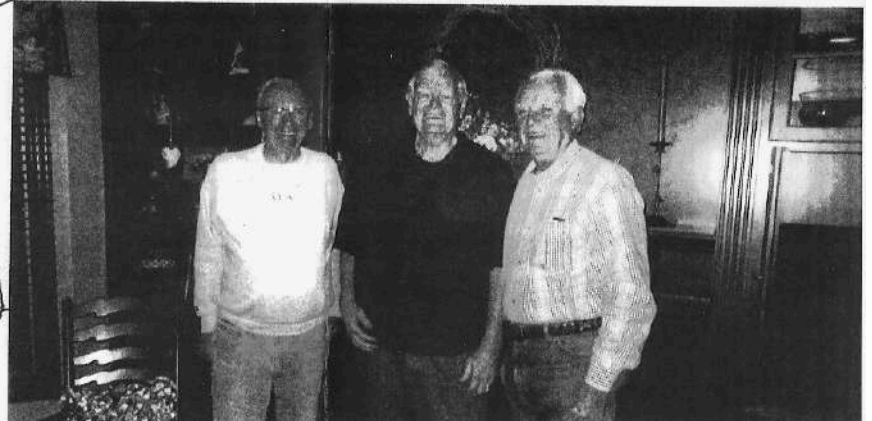
Whitey Watson and Jim Johnson. Back row: Dick Jensen, Hal Erickson, Ken Barstow, Dick Wold, Wayne Gustafson and Chuck Erickson. Not shown, but intending to play, are Gayle and Ike Hoover and Paul Clare.

—Arcus-Leader Photo.



WHS ALUMNI GATHERING, SAN PEDRO, CA.
1967

L-R MIKE GIBSON, WIFE CARLA, PAUL CLARE, WIFE SHIRLEY, MYSELF HOLDING SON CHRIS, WIFE ELLEN, + JIM LEASE. TAKEN AT MY HOME, SAN PEDRO, CA 1967.



JOHN HILLGREN, PAUL CLARE
& MYSELF, WHS 60TH REUNION 2015

End of New Patron Stories.





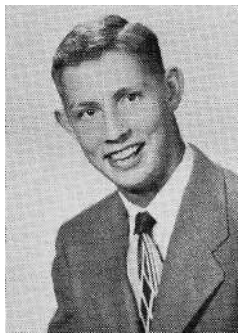
**Our old Washington High School Auditorium,
Now The Washington Pavilion's,
'*Mary W Sommervold Hall*'.**

In Honor of Mary Woods '52 Sommervold



**Mary Woods '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased**





Chuck Erickson '50
WHS Senior Photo

Correct Photo of Judy Erickson '62:

In the story of the **Chuck Erickson '50**, family that appeared in the most recent O&B, Newsletter, #5-20, the 'sophomore photo' from the '1960 yearbook of Chuck's sister, **Judy Erickson '62** was the wrong "Judy Erickson". I apologize to Chuck and the entire Erickson family, but thanks to **Barbara Taylor Sampson '62** for letting me know of the mistake and going to the trouble of sending me a '62 Warrior so I hopefully won't be so likely to make that mistake again.

Jack



Judy Erickson '62
WHS Senior Photo



Barbara Taylor '62
WHS Senior Photo

And Now A Huge Thank You to, **Barbara Taylor Sampson '62**

I sincerely thank **Barbara Taylor Sampson '62**, for informing as gently as was possible that the Judy Erickson's photo I had used in the last O&B was the wrong Judy Erickson. I soon figured out that the photo I used from the 1960 Warrior was a junior and in the WHS Class of '61 while the Judy Erickson that was Chuck's sister was a sophomore and in the class of '62. Of course I cringed like I always do when I learn of making such a major mistake like that.

But then during our ensuing conversation I mentioned to Barbara that the only yearbook in my library of WHS yearbooks from the sixties decade was the 1960 book and I regrettably had used the wrong photo. Barbara then simply said, "*Well, I will get you a '61 and a '62 book.*". I told her how difficult some WHS yearbooks are to get, and again she simply replied, "*Well, I will work on it.*"

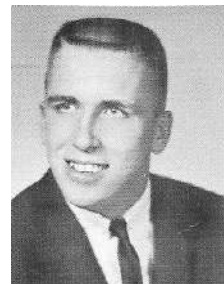
Then just 3 days later Barbara called to tell me that both yearbooks were in the mail. I was amazed & thrilled. I am still raving my appreciation and thanking her profusely.

Now I would like to thank the nice Sioux Falls people who assisted Barbara obtain the two books. For the '61 Warrior, Mrs. Teri Johnson, who did not attend WHS, but her deceased husband, **Bob Johnson '61**, did. Bob had a successful career as President of the South Dakota Medical Assoc, automobile dealership and farmer.

The '62 book, was donated by **Mr. LeRoy Halstenson '62** who somehow had an extra '62 Warrior. LeRoy still lives in Sioux Falls, and had a successful career as an educator in the Sioux Falls public school system and was a home building contractor. I truly thank all of you. I will take good care of your gifts. Jack



Bob Johnson '61
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



LeRoy Halstenson '62
WHS Senior Photo

CLASS OF '50

70TH REUNION POSTPONED

See Elliot Miller '50 & Barbara Harding Hines '50 letters next page.



Elliott Miller '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 19, 2020, **Elliott Miller '50** <evmiller@massmed.org> wrote:

Dear Jack,

I have discussed the concerns of the Covid-19 virus with several people helping to plan a 70th reunion. We are nearly unanimous in a decision to postpone the reunion till 2021. South Dakota has a major outbreak of corona virus centered in Sioux Falls. The governor has not mandated 'shelter at home' and has indicated her intension not to do so. Thus, even if the current situation is brought under some control, there is a major chance of secondary and tertiary waves. We chose to postpone then to avoid putting classmates at an unnecessary risk. Thanks for your interest and help.

Cordially,

Elliott Miller '50



Barbara Harding '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 21, 2020, **Barb Harding Hines '50** <barb.hines@icloud.com> wrote:

Subject: The autobiography I wrote for the proposed directory of Reunion WHS 2020 (1950 graduates)

Date: April 21, 2020

To: Jack Phillips <jack@jackmphillips.com>



Norman Hines '50
WHS Senior Photo

Name: Barbara Joanne Harding Hines

Address: 1409 W Dow Rummel St VW #116 Sioux Falls SD 57104

Phone: 605 338 5229 E mail: barb.hines@icloud.com

After graduation in May 1950 I obtained a job with the National Teachers' Exchange for \$26.50 a week. but I had applied to the Federal Government for a job as well. July 28 I married Norman Hines class of 1949 (we had gone steady for 3 years). In August I got a job with the SD Military District. This was during the Korean War. Norm was declared 4F so he then got a job with the US Postal Service. I worked for the Military District for two years and then started our family of 3 girls (Sally, Mary, and Julie). We had purchased a 1 1/2 bedroom house near Augustana shortly after we married. We left a 2nd story apartment for which we paid \$42.50 a month. Our house payments were thirty something a month. When Sally was expected we bought a full 2 bedroom house on S Euclid Av near Sioux Valley Hospital. We enjoyed fixing it up. Mary was born here. Norm worked driving cab as well as the USPO in those days. We then moved to a larger 2 bedroom house on N French Av to be close to his parents' home on N Cliff Av so I could go back to work at the Draft Board. From there I went to the Air Force Recruiting Office. We bought a 3



Barbara Harding Hines '50 and Norman Hines '49
Celebrating 70th Wedding Anniversary July 28, 2020.
Congratulations From The Alumni O&B!

bedroom house on E 12th St one block from Eugene Field School. There is where Julie was born. I worked part time for the US Agriculture Department at that time measuring dairy cases at grocery stores around Sioux Falls and Mitchell. The girls went along with me on those trips. At that time I ran for School Board since I felt we needed on woman on the Board. Didn't win, of course, but the next time there was a vacancy, a college educated woman got on the Board, and that was my goal. When Julie started school I returned to work at the Farmers Home Administration. We then bought a large three bedroom home at 921 S Foster Av. We lived there for 50 years. During that time I obtained a job at the US Courts Probation Office. During my

six years there the American Indian Movement trials (AIM) took place. I joined the American Business Women's Association and was Chairman for a couple years, and Woman of the Year in 1980.

Here I learned to speak in front of others, enjoyed the social contacts, furthering my education in business. I was also active in East Side Lutheran Church, being Chairman of the WELCA and teaching Sunday School. My old boss from FmHA asked me to come back for a job with more pay that I couldn't pass up. After both of us retired we traveled extensively. We went to Australia and New Zealand in 1994 and 1997 for a month each time. Our travels included Bermuda, Florida, China, Hong Kong, Spain, Morocco, Mexico, Panama, and Italy; car trips to the Seattle area, Northern Minnesota, Texas, Canada, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, the states in between, and SD of course. We spent many winters in Arizona.

This year on July 28 Norm and I will be married 70 years! We hope to celebrate with our entire family (5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren). We will certainly miss our youngest daughter, Julie who died of Cancer in September 2019 just a month after her 60th birthday. When learning to talk she would point out the window and say "Bright sunshine," and that's what she was to our family.

The years at WHS with our friends were special times....good memories.....good times!

This is just a sample of what other 1950 graduates can write in regard to their lives thus far. Hope you will show Jack and the other grads of the 1950 era that we have lived our lives and, hopefully, left a legacy of hope to those who came after us.

An added note from Barbara:

To update everyone: Norm and I are living in independent living Village West at Dow Rummel Retirement Village. Along with the reunion, Norm and I will be celebrating our 70th anniversary and his 89th birthday on July 28, this year.

Elliott's e-mail address is: evmiller@massmed.org if you want to know more about the reunion. His phone number is 207 721 0310 and address is 14 Maple Lane Topshan, Maine 04086

My e-mail address is: barb.hines@icloud.com if you want to contact me. My phone number is 605 338 5229 and my address is 1409 W Dow Rummel St #116 VWN Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

We have 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren so far! Norm was in the class of 1949, so any of his old friends or acquaintances can also call us. We both would love a visit when this pandemic with COVID 19 is over! We are the parents of Sally, Mary, and Julie if any of their friends would like to visit as well. Best of health to you all.....**Barb Harding Hines Class of 1950**.....





Myron Lee Wachendorf '59

I seldom check out Facebook but I recently did and found a treasure trove of great personal photos of **Myron Wachendorf '59**, and of **Myron Lee and The Caddies**. I hope you agree that reading more on without a doubt Washington Hlgh's biggest & most successful rock & roll star is as enjoyable to you as it always is to me. His career from the late 50's through the 60's was truly phenomenal and I find that he could



Carole Fredrickson '57
WHS Junior Photo
Died May 20, 2019

Myron Wachendorf '59
WHS Senior Photo



Carole Fredrickson '57 Wachendorf
and **Myron Wachendorf '59**
enjoying the 2018 Christmas
season in the living room of the
beautiful home they built together.



T h e

Wachendorf's built their beautiful 3 bedroom home on 2 acres of forested land in "Orchard Heights" just East of Sioux Falls in 1989. The forest, when coupled with Myron's nurturing makes, as you can see below, a wonderful natural game reserve. Myron loves feeding & harboring the many wild deer, turkeys, birds and black squirrels on a daily basis.

Myron lost Carole very suddenly last year on May 20, 2019 when she suffered a "brain bleed", (stroke), while driving home from work. They were married for 56 years and he so obviously misses her terribly. I am not sure who needs who the most now, Myron needing the wild animals he loves and harbors, or the wild animals that depend on Myron for their well being. I just know that they both now need each other a great deal and I am glad Myron has his wild friends. Respectfully Submitted by JP.



**Myron & Carole on their
wedding day in 1963.**



**Wild Turkey and Deer
in Myron's Back Yard**



Myron's grandson, Ethan, feeding the turkeys. Notice deer in background hoping to get some too.



Myron's daily feeding of his friends.



Big Wild Tom Turkey

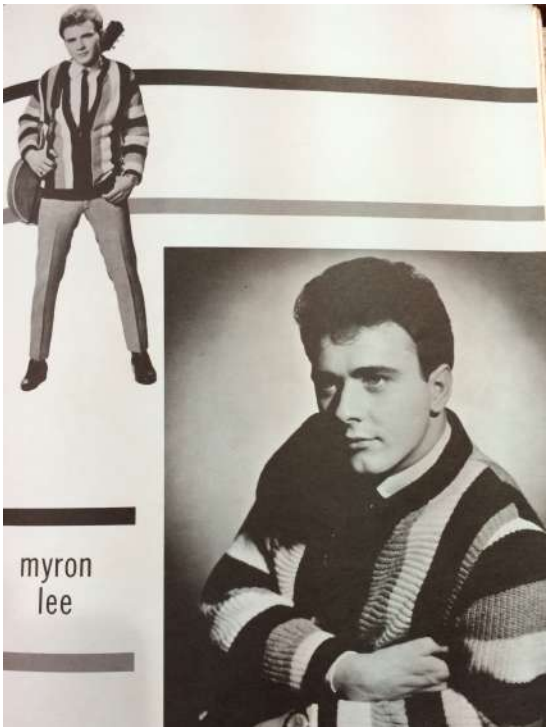
Myron Lee & The Caddies



left: Gene Vincent, "Be Bob A Lulu", performing in 1959 at the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls. right: Myron had just started his band & was trying to get Gene's Autograph.



left: Buddy Knox, "Party Doll", in 1961 when he and Myron, right, were becoming close friends. Buddy was responsible for many of Myron's early breaks into the big time.



Myron on his way to becoming a star!



Myron touring in Big Time Company in Montreal, Canada in 1961 with, l to r: **Dion**, "Wanderer" & "Runaround Sue"; **Myron**, "Rona Baby" & "Homicide"; **Buddy Knox**, "Party Doll" & **Bobby Vee**. "Take Good Care of My Baby", "The Night Has A Thousand Eyes" & "Rubber Ball".



Barry Andrews '58
WHS Senior Photo
Sax Player



Dick Clark introducing Myron Lee & The Caddies in Chicago on the "**1963 Dick Clark Tour**". l to r: Jerry Haacke, Dick Clark, Joel Shapiro, Fred Scott, Myron, Curt Posell.



TWO BAND MEMBERS FROM WHS.

L to R **Barry Andrews WHS 58**, Dick Robinson not WHS, **MYRON WHS 59**, Curt Powell Garretson SD, Jerry Haacke Sioux Falls Cathedral High School.

Do You Remember “Highpockets”?



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 26, 2020, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Jack - here a short article on Virginia Weeks who is one of Sioux Falls' people "we should have known better".

Virginia Weeks, also known as Annie Highpockets to Sioux Falls' history, was a notable person to many of us way back in the late forties and early fifties. I would often see her in downtown Sioux Falls as I had an Argus Leader paper corner there. She was a character for sure and I don't mean that in a rude or detrimental way. I remember her as being very tall,

wearing oddly matched attire yet still looking fashionable, and always having her walking stick with her. She also always carried a shopping bag. I once got quite close to her and I remember she held her walking stick out in front of herself and suggested I back away a bit which I did. Later, as an older kid, and when I hung out around Jim Swiden's grocery store, I would see her tending her small garden when she lived on the corner of 3rd and Weber(?).

The included images relate a lot of information about her and her headstone. Note the poem on her marker. It fits her profile nicely.

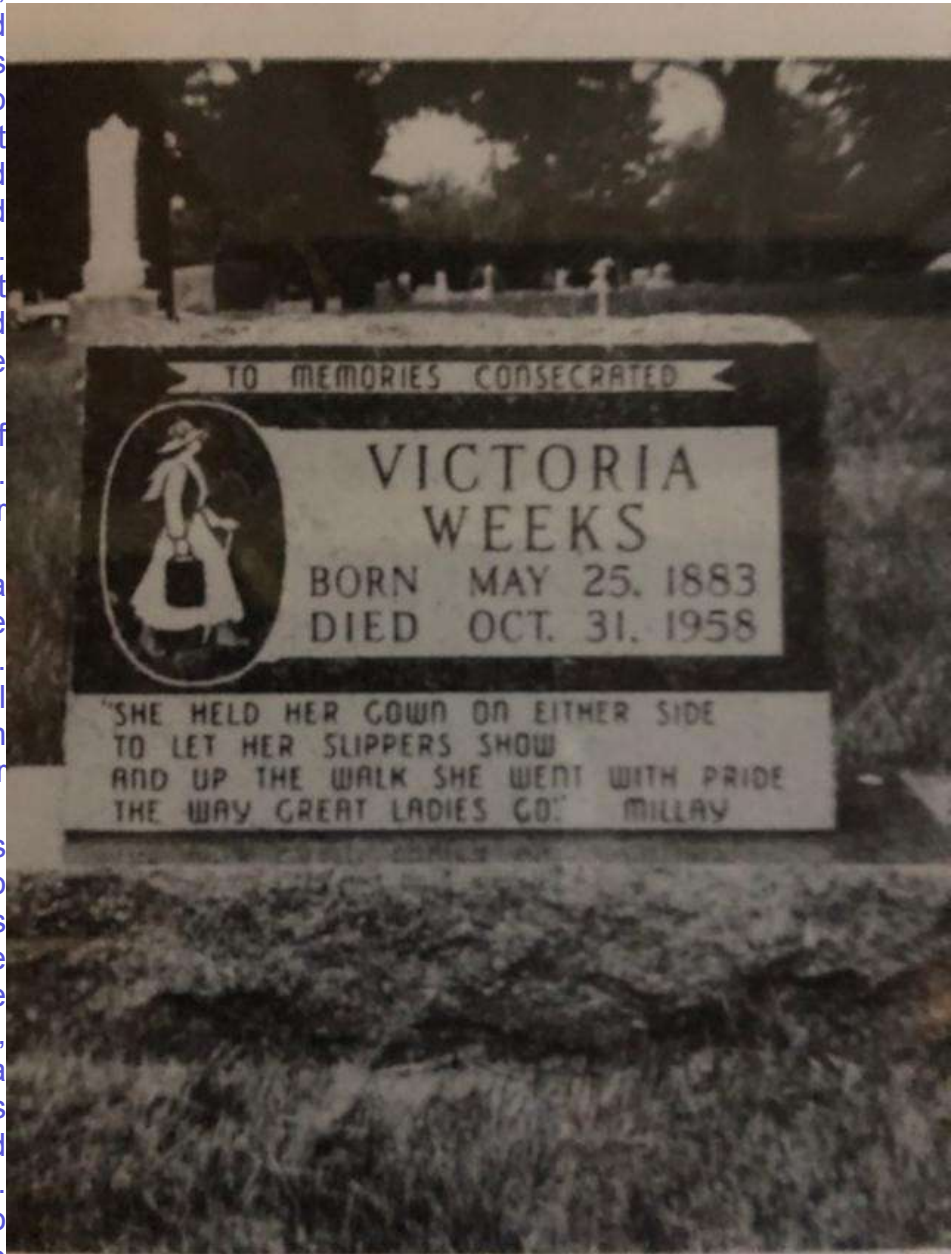
Some of her history notes that Virginia was a born in 1883. It also says she graduated from Washington High School. Now, since WHS was not named or built until around 1908, she must have graduated from Central School, She would have been 17 or 18 about 1900 or 1901.

For many years her burial site was unmarked. Now thanks to several good people there is a headstone that is quite appropriate for such a fine lady as Victoria. Each year, for some time now, Deanna and I place a Christmas wreath at her site and retrieve it in the early spring.

Other folks go there too for I find coins on the top

of her marker and recently a planter appeared there. Anyway, Victoria Weeks is part of Sioux Falls' history and I wish I had known her. I think she would have been a very interesting lady to talk with.

And I want to thank Mr. Historian, **Jim Carlson '58**, for the two images that are with this writing.



Jim Carlson '58
WHS Senior Photo

Victoria Weeks 1883-1958

They called her Annie Highpockets and other names. Why? Because she was different.

Victoria Weeks who was supposedly named after Queen Victoria of England, was born in New York City in 1883. At the age of one, she moved to Sioux Falls with her parents. She grew into a young lady, graduated from Washington High School, and attended a beauty school. Later, Victoria owned her own beauty shop.

Victoria became a legend in her own right. Everyone knew her but no one seemed to really know her. She was an elegant sight to behold as she fast-stepped around Sioux Falls in her black high-top tennis shoes. She always carried a cane in one hand. It didn't seem to matter that the cane sometimes never touched the ground. It was a prop. It was a means to an end. Supposedly, as stories go, Victoria was hurt in a streetcar accident and was awarded a lifetime settlement for her injuries as long as she needed a cane to get around. Victoria's obituary upon her death called the cane more of an ornament than an aid for walking. There were some reports that Victoria would strike at people with her cane, no doubt, an unfounded tale.

Victoria, a tall, slim, misunderstood lady, usually dressed in a full skirt and a ruffled shirt topped by a man's vest. A wide-brimmed hat adorned her head at all times, not only to shade her eyes from the sun, but also to avoid the stares of kids and grown-ups alike who would tease, taunt, and torment her. No one ever really knew what occupied the shopping bag that was her constant companion.

Victoria Weeks died October 31, 1958. She was 75 years old. A fund, called the Victorian Fund was established to provide a marker for Victoria's grave. She is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Some Chicks From '58

On Apr 3, 2020, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58** <sara.j.blizzard@att.net> wrote:

Dear Jack, Enclosed is a picture taken in Late February. Left to Right: **Cyndee Huffman Perkins, Sara Hart Blizzard, Ann Lippert Flanagan, all '58.**

I got a call from Cyndee saying I needed to drive down to Bonita Springs, Fla., where she and Perk live as Ann was coming in for a visit. It took some convincing but I finally agreed and made the 2 plus hour trip in like 2 ½ due to a missed turn to head to the dreaded Skyway Bridge but the huge "U Turn" didn't deter me long. And am I glad I went. I am amazed I could still talk the next day. I only was down there overnight but what a grand nearly 24 hours it was. Cyndee and I think we need a mini reunion since **Zina Albert Kangelaris '58** lives in Venice, **Janet Campbell Line '58**, is in Orlando and **Carol Trygstad Roverude '58** just moved to the area between Zina and Cyndee. It is always amazing how connected we WHS grads are no matter how long it has been since we have been together.

So howdy to the rest of the Class of '58 and all other grads. And may we all survive this four letter word virus. I am I currently in the midst of being packed up so I can go to my son's in Alpharetta, GA for the duration!!!!!! He, his wife and their 11 yr. old daughter are absolutely insistent I cannot stay here alone any longer. It seems I do not follow the rules of not going out my door!!!!!! Stay healthy everyone. **Sara Hart Blizzard '58**



Sara's Friends. I to r: All from Class of '58