

**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD**  
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# CLASS of 1958's - 60th REUNION WAS A TOTALLY HUGE SUCCESS!

My most enthusiastic congratulations to the Class of '58's Organizing Committee for putting together what I considered to be a **pert near perfect 60th Reunion!** As many of you know the Class of '58 invited me to attend their 60th Reunion and graciously made me an honor member of their class. I attended and I am so glad that I did. I throughly appreciated and enjoyed the kindnesses and hospitality I was extended. Everyone in attendance made me feel like I was indeed a member of the class of '58.

Without a doubt the hard working and well organized committee certainly deserves one more acknowledgement and thank you for such a superior job.



**Mike Howes    Bunny Aikens Howes    Erick Gustafson    Janet Herman Frey    Don Noordsy    Sara Hart Blizzard**

**THE COMMITTEE** intentionally and wisely scheduled a limited program for Friday evening and no program for Saturday evening recognizing that most attendees preferred time to mingle, visit and get reacquainted.

**SPEAKERS:** Two excellent and very interesting speakers were scheduled for Friday night and they were both members of the '58 class. The first speaker was **Dick Kelly '58** who has served as a SD state senator, Sioux Falls City Councilman and most recently a Minnehaha County Commissioner.



The second speaker was **Jim Carlson '58**, a Sioux Falls historian who has served as president of the Minnehaha County Historical Society and serves on the board of the Siouxland Heritage Museums.

**Dick Kelly '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

**Jim Carlson '58**  
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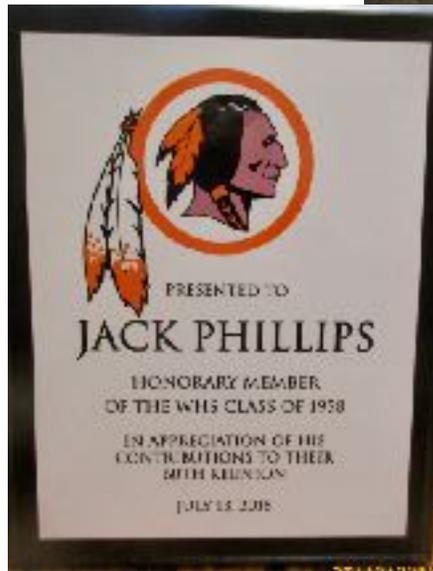
Both men spoke of the amazing changes in Sioux Falls over the last 60 years. Both were extremely knowledgeable on the recent growth of Sioux Falls and provided an extremely interesting evening that I felt everyone including myself enjoyed.

**THE VENUES** chosen by the committee were also perfect. Friday nights cocktail party and dinner was wisely held at Leonardo's in the Pavilion. It allowed us all to briefly revisit and reconnect with our wonderful memories of Washington High School. I can not comment on the meal since I was busy taking some of the photos below and didn't eat.

**SATURDAY DINNER:** But I can sure rave on the Saturday night dinner that was held at the Cherry Creek Grill at 3104 East 26th Street. I can honestly say it was the best meal I have ever had at the many, many reunions I have attended. The two entrees were pork tenderloin and a delicious prime rib that was hand carved to your liking at the end of the buffet line. I also found the green salad and all of the side dishes to be super fresh and delicious. However, the real piece de resistance for a country boy from Oklahoma like myself were the delicious hot biscuits with all the butter you wanted. I thought it was an excellent meal only to be followed up with a delicious giant, half white and half chocolate sheet cake that was decorated with a photo of our old beloved WHS building.



Thanks to **Jim Damm '58**, for donating the beautiful "Appreciation Plaque" shown on the right. Unfortunately, Jim was unable to attend the reunion due to health reasons.



right: **Eric Gustafson '58** presenting the above appreciation plaque to me at the Friday evening dinner. My sincere thanks to Jim, Eric and the entire reunion committee.



# Attendees At Class of '58's 60th Reunion.



Jeanne Hurwitz Shechet '58 & Deanna Adams Frerk '61



Nancy Hurwitz '58, Bev Hewlett Campbell '58,  
Jane Thompson Chapman '58 & John Chapman



Royce G. Adams '58 & Carl J. Turco '58



Betsy Adams Wright '58, Nell Williams Luce '58 & Jack Luce



Greg Hall '58, Tom Graham '58,  
Linda McCahren Graham '58, & Jim Howalt '58



Bill Clayton '58, Tom Brown '58 & Gary Robertson '58



**Tia Leslie, Curt Ruud '48, Fran Luerssen Ruud '58 & Joan Newborn Thill '58**



**Joyce Tornow Briggs '58, Barbara Fitzgerald Songstad '58 & Carolyn McClain '58**



**Duane Thill, Daryl Fritz '55, Lois Bjerk Fritz '58 & Bonnie Heinemann '58**



**Connie Wagner, Peter W. Wagner '58 & Janet Herman Frev '58**



**John Bergeland '58, Rosalie Sundet Phillips '58, Janet Langdon Rist '58 & Shirley Sather Erickson '58**



**Glenn Gravelle '58, Dale Larson '58 & Nadine Larson**



**Eric Gustafson '58, Laurna Gustafson, Bunny Aikens Howes '58 & Mike Howes '58**



**LaDonna Gravelle, Gwen Herrick & David Herrick '58**



**Deane Grav '58, Liz Hubbard Grav '64 & Larry Seeman '58**



**Chuck Fritzel '58, Connie Warren '58 & Ann Lippert Flanagan '58**



**Sharon Carlson Goodrie '58, Deanna Henline Henriksen '58 & Barbara Bakker Harris '58**



**Dick Kelly '58, Gerald Wittrock '58 & Mary Swift Kelly '66**



**Dixie Utesch Tilden '58 & Carol Trygstad Roverud '58**



**Diana Vestergard Thorpe '58, Rose Ann Brown Oyler '58 & Grace Trautman Farrand**



**Marlin Ritzman '56 & David Vollmer '58**



**Richard McNamara '58, Mary McNamara Otto '57 & Rollin Pochop '58**



**Carol Pochop, Nancy Oltman, & Steve Oltman '58**



**Kathy Rea Conradi '58, Gary Conradi '57 & Doug Holden '58**



**Jim Carlson '58, Clarice Versteeg  
Lalley '58 & Helen Westra Ritzman '58**



**Harold Leroy Farrand '58, Gary Oyler & Trevor Thorpe '58**



**Ed Searles '58, Emly Scherschigt Vig  
'58 & Donna Clausen Pritchett '58**



**Lorraine Syrovatka Kracke '58**



**LaVonne Schmidt, Eli Schmidt '58 & Shirley Riise LeVan '58**



Linda Calhoun Dean '60 & Darrold Dean '58



Linda Pratt Owen '58 & Harry Miller



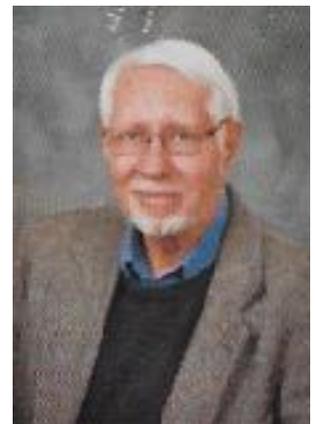
Mike Howes '58 presiding over the Saturday night dinner.



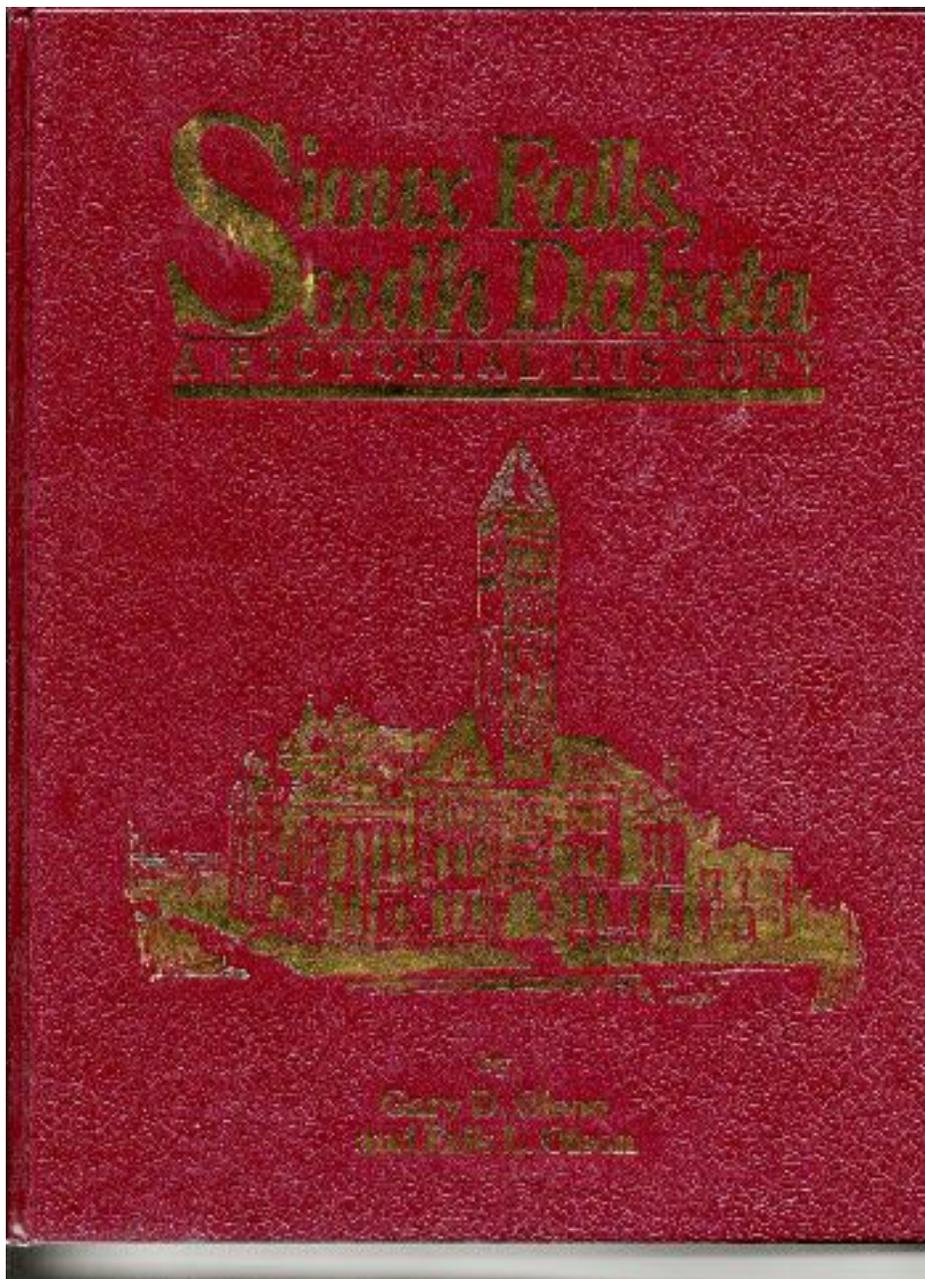
Laura Gustafson & Eric Gustafson '58  
Quickly destroying the beautiful and delicious WHS  
cake. Seconds were even available for the brave.

In addition to once again thanking the Class of '58 for inviting me to attend their 60th Reunion and making me feel so welcome, I have one more very special thank you. I would like to sincerely thank Sioux Falls historian, Jim Carlson '58, for his gift to me of the beautiful gold embossed hard cover limited edition of ***“Sioux Falls, South Dakota A PICTORIAL HISTORY”***, by Gary D. Olson and Erik L. Olson. (See page 8.)

It is indeed a treasure trove of old Sioux Falls photos. An example is the photo of KELO's, Dave Dedrick, as Captain Eleven. (See page 8).



Jim A. Carlson  
WHS Class of '58,  
Sioux Falls Historian and  
Real Estate Broker



*Dave Dedrick made a successful transition from radio to television when the first television station, KELO (Channel 11) began in 1953. A well-liked weather man, Dedrick is perhaps best known as Captain Eleven, host since 1955 of an afternoon children's cartoon show. KELO Television Station photo*

End of '58's Reunion coverage.

## Class of '54 Planning 65th Reunion!

Plans are underway for the Class of '54's 65th Reunion. Jack Kittelson '54, who so successfully chaired our 60th Reunion has agreed to chairing the our 65th. The 1st organizational meeting was held at Minerva's on July 13, 2018 while I was in Sioux Falls. In attendance was Dick Sweetman, Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54, Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54, Jack Kittelson '54 and myself. More committee members are needed. You can let any of us know if you would enjoy volunteering.



I to r: Dick Sweetman '54, Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54 and Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54. Present but not photographed, Jack Kittelson '54 and Jack Phillips '54.



Dick & Jeanne Wold, 7-15-18

The last stop on my recent 48 hour whirlwind trip to Sioux Falls was definitely one of the highlights of my short trip. It was to Minnehaha Country Club on Sunday morning, July 15 to have breakfast with my dear friend, Dick Wold '53, and his always beautiful and charming wife, Jeanne Radamacher Wold. Dick met Jeanne, who was from Garretson, SD, class of '54, while they both were attending USD.

For me it was wonderful seeing them both again even though it was way too short of a visit.

Jeanne and Dick spend their winters in La Quinta, CA and their summers in Sioux Falls.



Dick Wold '53  
WHS Senior Photo

# The Train

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, **I thank you** for being one of the passengers on my train.



Hopefully you will never need to know, but just in case.....

# How to Write an Obituary

Obituaries are used in several ways, and the length and content of each may vary. The three most common are:

1. Newspaper: abbreviated version
2. Website: a longer version
3. Printed: longer version

*Note: most newspapers will print longer versions. However, this can be very costly, so most people choose an abbreviated version for the general public and use the longer version on the funeral home website, family history sites, and other locations that can accommodate the additional content.*

## **Abbreviated content**

The purpose of the abbreviated obituary is to inform the general public of a death, with pertinent information about (1) identity to confirm who has passed away and (2) arrangements for those who wish to attend or contribute a memorial.

Basic information:

- Full name of deceased, **including maiden name**
- Age
- Date of death
- City and state of residence at time of death [note: if death occurred in another location, use the place of residence, not place of death]
- Name of spouse/partner/significant other, whether alive or deceased
- Date, time and location of service to which the public is invited
- Requested memorials

Extended information, if desired:

- Date of birth
- City and state of birth
- Parents and family of origin:
  - If deceased, use "the late" or "pre-deceased by": "Mary and the late John Smith"
  - For siblings and other family members, use first name, last name (spouse): "Jane Smith (Bob)"
- Immediate family: children and spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren
  - If too many to list, you may state "10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren"
  - If unsure of quantity, you may state "many grandchildren and great-grandchildren"
- Extended family: nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, etc. are not usually named
- Brief career
- Education
- Military service
- Brief mention of hobbies or special interests
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## **Extended content**

The funeral home website or other online sources offer a place to provide an extended obituary. When this is available to you, additional content may include:

- Date of marriage or how long married
- Special events, hobbies, travels, or interests
- Awards and achievements
- Leadership roles
- Involvement in charitable, religious, business or community organizations

- Extended career
- Places of residence
- Acknowledgement of thanks to caregivers or special friends
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**Special circumstances**

- Cause of death: most people do not include it, though it is your choice
- Divorce: ex-spouses are usually not included

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# Letters to the & B



**Laurel Pierce '55  
WHS Senior Photo**

On Jul 8, 2018, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** <laufred@att.net> wrote:  
Hello Jack & Debra,

I wanted to comment on Debra's contribution to the last issue regarding the senior "Aids" item. Yes, I thought it was funny, & just recently, in April, I became one of those fitted for a pair of hearing aids, so I can definitely relate. I had poor hearing for many years which started when I had a bad ear infection in one ear during high school, & my Mother thought having had a bad case of the measles at age six, contributed to my poor hearing too. Whatever it was, It just got worse & worse, even after surgery on the one ear in the early 1970's. Then with the aging process & all, I was becoming a real nuisance to my family & friends with my constant requests to repeat, talk louder, etc. So, I must say, the new aids have really made a tremendous difference for me...not 100% perfect, but better than I hoped for. They were expensive but worth every penny! I am just thankful that my hearing issue could be helped

since some are not so fortunate. Thank you Debra for your comical contribution to the O & B, & thank you Jack for another wonderful issue with loads of information. Though we don't express it often enough, we REALLY appreciate all your efforts to keep this project going. We hope you have a wonderful trip back home to good old Sioux Falls!

We are doing fine here, unaffected personally by all the terrible fires all around in California, but it does seem that California is burning up in so many areas & it is scary, very scary. Enjoy your summer!

Our Best,

**Laurel Pierce Hampel**  
WHS Class of '55

And Husband Fred, not a WHS attendee or Grad. He was born & raised in Champaign, Illinois.

**Editor's response:** Hi Laurel, Debra sends her thanks. She is glad you liked her joke.

On the subject of hearing aids for my readers; I have been wearing hearing aids for about 30 years now. Hearing aids certainly are not perfect, but they are definitely better than no hearing aids. Just about 3 weeks ago I took delivery of a new set.

The one piece of advice I would like to offer anyone thinking of buying new aids is to please check out Costco hearing aids before you buy anything. I just can not recommend Costco highly enough. They offer total state of the art and professional service and after buying probably 6 or 7 pair I do not think you will find anyone that will even close to their price AND / OR their warranty!

I priced the exact same hearing aid at a regular hearing aid. dispenser and they were \$5,500.00 for the pair. Costco's price was \$2,700.00 for the exact same pair. I HONESTLY DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL GIVE A BETTER PRICE OR A BETTER "TOATLY SATISFIED" WARRANTY THAN COSTCO!

Jack



**Kate Briggs '52**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 9, 2018, **Kate Briggs Naylor '52**

<katenaylor3@gmail.com> wrote:

Wow Jack – what a fabulous page regarding **Clint Clark '50** and Kate Briggs Naylor “riding off into the sunset – betting on the future” in your newsletter.

Clint and I are extremely grateful for your publishing the photos and write-up of us and especially his talents in “show business”. I have heard from one person and she was very happy to know that Clint and I found each other in this big, gigantic, chaotic world. Of course we are absolutely thrilled ourselves.

I told Clint I was going to send you a “thank you” note about how pleased we were to see this outstanding, whole page of photos and news that you so very skillfully wrote about and he said, be sure to send my thank you too to Jack. He called me the minute he saw this on his email Sunday. So again, thank you, thank you, thank you.

**Kate Briggs Naylor '52**



**Clint Clark '50**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Gary Norbraten '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 12, 2018,

**Richard Norbraten '54**

<rnorbraten@att.net> wrote:

**Wally Boersma, '54, and wife Patsy, both from Marshall, Texas, visited Gary Norbraten, also '54, and wife Gloria in San Diego July 9-10-11 while en route to Northern California's wine country to visit relatives. Since Wally is a retired accountant and CPA, he was able to give our daughter Karlee some pointers while she is taking a summer class in accounting until she returns to the University of California at Riverside in the fall.**



**Wally Boersma '54 & Gary Norbraten '54**



**Wally Boersma '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

**If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt.  
Dean Martin**



**Royce Adams '58  
WHS Senior Photo**

On Jul 15, 2018, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Jack, We are so glad you came to our reunion and what a great time it was. Seems it takes forever for the event to get here and then it's here and in a flash it's over and we again are off to our varied places in this world

I have been playing the CD you so graciously gifted us and it is really a memory rouser of a great year in music, 1958. It brought back the memory of my old 1946 Plymouth Coupe and, which at the time, was the one and only perfect car in the world. It was one mean machine. It could do 85 downhill!! I didn't do that a lot because the connecting tie-rods were rather worn and the shake and shudder made it hard to steer at that speed. And I could peel-out with it provided I started off sand or gravel. The screeching sound of that peeling-out was only for a second however but it was there!! However the radio was very essential to us even if all else failed on the car. And that radio played all those tunes for '58 as we cruised Phillips Avenue or as we turtle-dragged. That really was irritating for most non-teen drivers. We'd set the idle low enough where we could leave the car in low and keep our foot off the gas and still move forward at an irritating slow speed. We'd drive to the Barrell, Ray's Drive-in, and other places as we listened to those tunes and in my case you could listen to them outside the car because I had installed a speaker in back of the grill-work. I am including a picture of that wonderful first car I owned and cherished - until it was hit by a train (with me in it!).



**Royce Adams '58**



**Betsy Adams '58  
WHS Senior Photo**

On 7-13-18 **Betsy Adams '58** informed the O&B that her sister, **Dorothy Adams Trindel '50**, died May 1, 2011 in Winnsboro, TX. Dorothy was born on April 21, 1932 in Chicago, IL . Dorothy's name has been added to the O&B's master deceased list for the WHS Class of 1950.

**Betsy**



**Dorothy Adams '50  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**



**Roger Peterson '55**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 16, 2018, **Roger Peterson '55**

<rvpete66@q.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, I'm **Roger Peterson class of 55**. I just received an Alum. magazine from SDSU. It lists **Alli Albert '56** as dying Dec. 3, 2017, in Fort Meyers, Florida. He graduated with the class of 1956. He was an Engineering student and we were ROTC cadets during the years 1956-1961. I did not see his name on your 1956 obituary list. Maybe somebody out there knows more details about his life.

Thank you for the great "Orange and Black" and all the work you do on it. **Roger Peterson '55**



**Alli Albert '56**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Chuck Erickson '50**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 18, 2018, **Chuck Erickson '50**

ericksonca@everestkc.net wrote:

Jack really appreciate your efforts in maintaining the Orange & Black.

Dr. Emery Fillmore[class 1950] reported to me the death of his wife Connie Hanger Fillmore [class 1953] Connie was born 12/09/35 and passed away 2/04/18 in Laguna California. Connie remained very active through out her life in meaningful volunteer activities,

She is survived by her husband Dr. Emery Fillmore and daughter Cindy. She was preceded in death by her parents and son Robert.

**Chuck Erickson '50**



**Dr. Emery Fillmore '50**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Connie Hanger '53**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Greg Hall '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 14, 2018, Greg Hall '58 <sdlobo@pie.midco.net> wrote:

**From:** Greg Hall <sdlobo@pie.midco.net>

**Subject:** Joe Foss Field

I picked this book up a couple of years ago and couldn't put it down. Very interesting read and includes the shakers who made it work, many of them that you will remember.

## **Reveille for Sioux Falls' by Lynwood E. Oyos**

ISBN: 978-0-931170-97-3

200 pages \$21.95

"Reveille for Sioux Falls: A World War II Army Air Forces Technical School Changes a South Dakota City" details the history of the World War II-era Army Air Forces Technical

School in Sioux Falls and how it affected the development of the city during the latter half of the twentieth century.

The population of metropolitan Sioux Falls today exceeds 200,000 people. Whereas agribusiness was once its primary industry, now the city is also the center of healthcare, education, and financial services for a four-state region. Originally the site of Plains Indian encampments along the falls of the Big Sioux River, followed

in the 1860s by English, Scandinavian, and German settlers, Sioux Falls today boasts remarkable ethnic diversity, with over fifty different languages spoken in the city school district. Many of these changes began with the advent in 1942 of the Army Air Forces Technical School.

Copies of "Reveille for Sioux Falls" are available in the CWS Gift Shop. Stop by, e-mail, or call 605.274.4007 to purchase this exciting title today.

In this new, illustrated history of the military technical school, author Lynwood E. Oyos proposes that, along with its air base, the school changed Sioux Falls in the post-World War II era as much as the railroads did in the nineteenth century. The radio communication school, where 50,000 men and women trained through 1945, brought new wealth to the community, changed social attitudes about women and minorities, stimulated construction of new homes and businesses, contributed to the city's first industrial park, and created Sioux Falls' first modern airport.

[Learn more in this Q&A with Oyos.](#)

Hear a sample from the book, narrated by Hal Thompson, '13, or an interview with the author on South Dakota Public Broadcasting's "Dakota Midday" program.

**About the Author:** Dr. Lynwood E. Oyos was Professor Emeritus of History at Augustana University. He authored many scholarly publications, including "The Family Farmers' Advocate: South Dakota Farmers Union, 1914-2000" (2000) and chapters in "A New South Dakota History" (2nd ed., 2009), both publications of the Center for Western Studies at Augustana University.

**Greg C. Hall '58**

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## **More from Royce Adams '58:**

On Jul 23, 2018,, Royce Adams '58 <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:  
I ordered from Amazon one egg and one chicken - soon we will know Royce

On Jul 24, 2018, Royce Adams'58 <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Jack, 30 years ago my classmate, **Glen Gravell '58**, wrote a great piece on reunions and what they can mean to us and others. I found it so interesting 30 years ago that 30 years later I still enjoy reading it. I am sending it to you for the O&B if you wish to use it. Glenn gave us full permission to publish it.



**Glenn Gravell '58  
WHS Senior Photo**

### **A NOSTALGIC REUNION**

As a kid, did you ever: walk into your grandma's kitchen, smell the rolls and then get hug from her and a message that a kid as good as you deserved a nice, fresh cinnamon roll..... ride a bike aimlessly around town and then serendipitously discover the Ringling Brothers unloading their elephants..... deliver a May basket to someone special and hide on the porch til they opened the door and then run away, but not too fast, of course..... find yourself in a basketball huddle and hear the coach say he's going to start you at guard..... walk into a sock hop with the old gang after the football game and notice a certain person of the opposite sex is obviously glad that you've come tonight.....

Most of us have our minds so filled with tasks, goals, and business that there is precious little time to ponder our memories. Then something wonderful happens. It's called a notice of a High School Class Reunion. Interesting word, isn't it --- reunion.

So on July 8 (1988), primed by a number of written appeals, of course all written in orange and black (the Washington High School colors), I jetted to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, filled with a quasi-adolescent, effervescent enthusiasm. After seeing "good, ole Mom," I was off the a pre-party get together. It was terrific! At the home of my best man and his wife, there were lots of bear hugs and many cheap shots about psychologists, teachers, and dentists - no lawyers were present to take the brunt. After a drink, we prepared to take on the human wave --- 200 people. I know (many of them quite well), and most of whom I hadn't seen for 10 to 30 years.

It's an interesting phenomenon, if I may take a brief aside -- we of our generation (at least most of us mid-Westerners), have a uniqueness. We grew up with the same group of kids - kindergarten through high school, even college in many instances, and are quite bonded to one another.

Friday night was splendid - a relaxing barbecue, beer drinking, and talking into the night. It was hot, loud, and chaotic to an outside observer, but tonic for the soul if you were a member of the Class of '58. After-party get togethers further strengthened the ties with those special high school buddies.

Saturday night was dress up. In South Dakota, that means men wear a shirt. After a fun, nostalgic look at the newspaper happenings in 1958, and a short, pathetic program, not to be confused with a "pathetically short" program, I invited all the Emerson Grade School kids to a picture-taking session at one end of the room. Pandemonium nearly broke out as people then emerged from this vast group of 200, to a more intimate reunion with their oldest, dearest grade school friends. Of course, all other grade schools followed suit. People, then sufficiently juiced with grade school songs and blinded by the flashes of the cameras, settled down to re-acquaint, update, and renew amid the backdrop of orange and black balloons, a melodious 50-60's music.

There were sad elements too - 44 people from the Class of '58 are deceased. One friend meaningfully shared feelings about her preoccupation with a very ill son. But mainly it was the buzz of:

Where are you now? What's happening in your life? And volleys of laughter and good-natured ribbing.

Someone would reel off - "Do you remember when?" and the re-bonding was incredible. It was like super glue. Of course, everyone lied somewhat. The most prevalent lie being: "You haven't changed a bit" as they addressed this other graying, bi-focaled person.

Finally at 2:00 a.m., the Howard Johnson's banquet room cleared out and 200 weary 48 year olds and their long suffering partners, exhausted from two nights of partying, bid farewell and took to their beds. I, for one, am normally a good sleeper, but I couldn't sleep that night. Too many people's lives were bouncing around my head -- a virtual memory implosion of everything from dates to duck hunting, from kindergarten to college - and all the "what if's" and all the options we have exercised over the past 30 years.

Well, was it worth it? Of course it was! But why was it worth it? Well, it was, of course for openers, all the wonder of Lake Woebegone. But mainly, it was that we all got re-validated. In the vernacular, "we got our ticket punched" and now know again that somehow we are loved.

I keep a book of simple entries of great memories of my life, the latest entry now reads: July 8-9, 1988, 30 year high school reunion. You know, I'll always be an Emerson Grade School kid and a Washington High Warrior - vintage nostalgia.

P.S. The program was much better than I flippantly stated. The organization for the reunion was extraordinary. The men were excellently outfitted and a number commented that the women were even more attractive than when we graduated. I'll defer that comment on that last item since my wife of twenty-five years was not in attendance and may read this accounting.

**Glenn Gravelle, PsyD.** - July 11, 1988

**WHS Class of '58**

On Jul 24, 2018, **Royce Adams '58**

<Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

60 years ago -**Dave Czerny '58** and **Royce Adams '58** (short one) headed to the country club graduation prom, WHS '58. Sporting that white sport coat, not sure about the pink carnation - we had them somewhere.



**Dave Czerny '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



right: **Dave Czerny '58 & Royce Adams '58**  
WHS Senior Prom 1958

## SNAIL MAIL

Occasionally you send me things by hard mail (thru the Post Office) and I guess it has gotten to the point that I need to warn you that when you send me anything by U.S. Post Office you do so at your own risk. By that I do not mean that the P.O. loses it, I mean that I un-intentionally seem to frequently misplace items on my not so well organized desk. I assure you I do not intend to, but it just seems to happen and when I find it a week, or a year too late, I am terribly embarrassed and would like to apologize to all of you who have been so kind to send me "hard copies" of something and then never hear from me.

So the moral of this story is, if possible it is always safer to scan your item and email it to me. I feel that I very seldom lose anything that your email to me.

Jack



# Class of '56 - 80th Birthday Party

Post Marked Sioux Falls, SD 05 JUL 2018 Received from Georgia Severson Johnson '56

Jack,

Enclosed are the finalized arrangements for our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday reunion for class of 1956. I am in the process of sending everything out to all of our classmates. We have 84 in the Sioux Falls and another 30 within 35 miles of Sioux Falls but are lucky if one fourth of them respond. Since so many travel quite a distance, this will be our last get-together.

I would appreciate it if you could include the information in your next newsletter.

Thanks so much for all that you do for the classes of the 50's.

Georgia

June 25, 2018

Classmate

We have finalized plans for our 80th birthday year reunion scheduled for Sept. 14 thru Sept. 16. Friday the 14th, 7:00 PM, no host cocktails at Holiday Inn Terrace for those arriving early and anyone else that would like to get together and say "hello".

Saturday we have scheduled a bus tour of the city to begin at Holiday Inn parking lot at 1:00 PM. Tour will be approximately 2 hours. Dinner is at Chef Dominique's in the lower level of the Shriver Square building. Sign in at 5:00 PM and dinner served 6:30 PM. There is a wine and beer cash bar. Parking is free on the street and in the ramp to the east of the building on weekends. For those who have not been there before, there is a walkway from the second level to the Shriver building.

Everyone enjoyed the Sunday breakfast buffet at Holiday Inn in 2016 so we will do that again at 8:30 AM. For anyone who is still in town on Monday the 17th, you are welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 AM. There has been a change in location just this week so will have to let you know where to meet.

A block of rooms has been set aside at Holiday Inn at a rate of \$119 for single or double room. Be sure to call Holiday Inn direct at 605-339-2000 and reference WHS class of 1956. Reservations must be received on or before August 15.

Cost for dinner is \$45.00 and breakfast is \$18.00 per person. Both prices include tax and gratuity. The bus tour is \$15.00 per person. Make checks payable to WHS class of 1956 and mail to Georgia Johnson, 4009 S. Glenview Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-4541. Questions or comments can be made to Georgia at 605-338-7060 or email gjtn7odsf@aol.com. Make requests by email if you would like to know who will be attending. Please forward the following information with payment by Sept. 1.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Number for Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Number for bus tour \_\_\_\_\_

# LOST '56 CLASSMATES

Do You Know Where Any of These People Are?

Information still needed on the following classmates:

Abraham, Dave  
Akason Bultena, Doris  
Anderson Holloway, Barbara  
Barstow, Doug  
Benson Houg, Barbara - O+B  
Butler, William  
Carmar Hanson, Jackie  
Christensen Tieszen, Janice  
Crist, Merrill  
Glen Madsen, Sharon  
Gleunkin Herrboldt, Ann  
Guslin Alexander, Doris  
Greenlee, Dick  
Hanisch, Edward  
Hennings McFarlane, Donna  
Jeffrey Amesbury, Clara  
Jensen Anderson, Mary Lee  
Klatt Pederson, Marcia  
Larson Szakats, Rosemarie  
Lunderman Christianson, Barbara  
Martens Thompson, Bonnie  
Masters, Janice  
McMartin Hibbits, Rose  
Neuharth Golden, Barbara  
Payne, Byron  
Rise, Karl  
Ronken Shogren, Virginia - O+B Deceased  
Sheldon, Jim - O+B  
Simpson, Wayne  
Sorenson, Doug  
Sparks Varns, Margaret  
Steineke Roti, Carol  
Sutter Haugse, Erna Mae  
Thompson, Steve  
Tracy, Sharon  
Van Voorst Van Beek, Janet  
Wiese Miller, Gloria  
Wung, William

The O&B Has Information On These Three '56 Classmates:

1 **Benson Houg, Barbara,**  
[babutx@aol.com](mailto:babutx@aol.com)

2 **Ronken Shogren, Virginia,**  
Passed away on June 20, 2018.

3 **Sheldon, Jim,**  
[JBS39@centurylink.net](mailto:JBS39@centurylink.net)

**PLEASE**  
**HELP US**  
**FIND THE**  
**OTHERS!**

**HAPPY 80TH  
BIRTHDAY!**

# WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Fri., Oct. 26, 2018

## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

501 NORTH SYCAMORE AVE.

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May 24, 2018

### WHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

### CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEES

#### ATHLETE

Dave Luebben

Levi Smith

Tim Mairisto

#### CONTRIBUTOR

Jeff Herbert

#### COACH

Brian Hermanson

In 1995 Washington High School initiated an Athletic Hall-of-Fame with the expressed purpose to recognize athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors who have made an impact on the tradition of Washington High School Athletics. Washington High School has had a long and rich athletic tradition and the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame is giving us an opportunity to recognize deserving individuals and their accomplishments. *The 2018 Hall-of-Fame Banquet will be held at the Washington Pavilion on Friday, October 26, 2018.* Please complete RSVP and make reservations by September 14, 2018.

We have had outstanding attendance at all of our banquets. The warm response of the inductees and their families has been inspiring to all of us in attendance. An impressive display of past honorees adorns the wall in the Washington High School Commons.

We will continue to have annual expenses of approximately \$6000 to continue this excellent program. *Plaque and pin costs have risen dramatically over the past few years, and this is an area we can use financial assistance.* For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, we are asking you along with many former athletes, coaches, and friends of Washington High School to consider contributing to the Washington High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame. For those of you who have so generously contributed in the past, we, on behalf of the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame Committee, would like to send a special thank you for your financial contribution. We would hope that you would consider contributing again to this outstanding project. We can continue this program only through the contributions of individuals such as you who are interested in recognizing Washington High School's great athletic tradition.

Please make your contributions payable to the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame and mail to:

Nate Malchow, Activities Director  
Washington High School  
501 North Sycamore Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

On behalf of the entire WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame Committee, we thank you for your support.

Jenni Breum  
Chairman

Jim Luce  
Vice-Chairman

Nate Malchow  
Activities Director

## **To an 'almost' old person ....**

I never really liked the terminology "Old People" but this makes me feel better about it. And if you ain't one, I bet ya you know one!  
I got this from an "Old Personal friend of mine"!

### **"OLD PEOPLE" PRIDE**

I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only "old people" receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

- Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps, cover their hearts, stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.
- Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler.. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam .
- If you bump into an Old People on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old People on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women and treat them with great respect.
- Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.
- Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.
- Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children, grandchildren or their animals.
- It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and decent values.  
We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old People....

**Pass this on to all of the "Old People" you know.**

I was taught to respect my elders. It's just getting harder to find them.