

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

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

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SEVEN NEW PATRONS WELCOME AND THANK YOU



Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52
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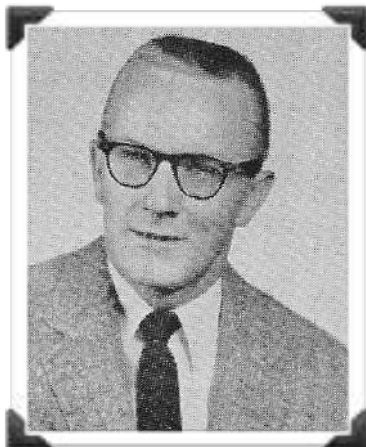
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	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	DONATION ALSO IN MEMORY OF:
1	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	
2	Terry Bradley '57, Tillamook, Or.	Feb. 2, 2020	\$100.00	Siblings: Linda Bradley Benson '54, deceased, Nita 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	
32	Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
33	Walt Leyse '50 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
34	Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons Gold Canyon, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$50.00	
35	Terry Robinson '57 Peoria, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$57.00	
36	Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl Portland, OR	May 1, 2020	\$100.00	

PATRON NOTE:
Thanks to PATRON,
ROYCE ADAMS '58,
for doubling his original O&B
donation amount this week.



Patrons

Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons



Tom Simmons '55
WHS Senior Photo



Marilyn Simmons '56
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack,

Enclosed is a small donation for our OandB newsletter. We want to keep you working!! It was so nice of you to call a few weeks ago to check up on us. Tom and I started reminiscing about you after the call. When we were neighbors in Vermillion at the university, Tom likes to remember on a very cold day in January, our 7yr old Chevy started right up and your brand new Thunderbird wouldn't start. He always said, "old" isn't a bad thing. We sure know that today!! We feel so blessed with our life. Going to celebrate ^{our} 63rd anniversary this summer. Arizona has been a great place to retire.

Thanks so much for all you do for us, Jack.
Please tell Debra hi from us.

Marilyn '56 and Tom '55 Simmons

Dear Marilyn and Tom, I remember that. Damn new car! Other than Tom rubbing that in you were good neighbors. You guys lived on one side of us and Bud '54 & Helen Eggers '54 Olson lived on the other side. Wow, sandwiched between two future attorneys! Wonderful memories! Thanks for your donation to the O&B. I promise to try and earn it. Jack

Patrons

Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl

May 1, 2020

Jack Phillips
2261 Lauren Drive
Las Vegas,
Nevada 89134



**Bob Berdahl '55
WHS Senior Photo**



**Peg Ogle '55
WHS Senior Photo**

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for your helping keep WHS graduates of the 1950s up-to-date with their classmates. It has been interesting to read of the lives and careers of others who grew up in Sioux Falls in the mid-twentieth century. We are scattered to the far corners of the country and many of us are gone, but your Orange and Black newsletter brings back many memories.

Here is a brief update on our lives. We (Bob Berdahl and Peg Ogle) were sweethearts in high school (Class of 1955) and we have been married for sixty-two years. We both graduated from Augustana College and have had careers in education. Peg taught high school while I was in graduate school and again after our children were in secondary school. I became a professor of history, specializing in German history, which enabled our family to spend sabbatical years in Germany. I spent nineteen years as a professor and then dean at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where our children grew up. After becoming an academic administrator, we moved to positions at the University of Illinois, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of California, Berkeley, where I retired after seven years as chancellor. We then spent five years in Washington, D.C., where I was president of the AAU, an association of the American research universities. After retiring again, we returned to Oregon and now live in Portland.

Our three daughters have also followed careers in education. Daphne, our oldest, was a professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota before her death in 2007. Jennifer is a professor of sociology at the University of British Columbia. Barbara is a public school teacher in the Twin Cities. Each daughter had two daughters, so Peg's and my lives have been filled with wonderful women.

This year marks the 65th anniversary for the class of '55. It is unlikely that we will be able to have a reunion because of COVID-19, but we would love to hear from any of our classmates from WHS.

Bob and Peg (Ogle) Berdahl
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Bob + Peg Berdahl

End of Patron News
Thank You All Again!

Jayne “JJ” Anderson ’53 Johnson Family’s Proud Military History!

Hello, I’m Jayne Anderson Johnson and I would like to share with you my military family. Serendipitously, May is Military Month. The information on my first three family members is from ancestry.com.

1. **Great Grandfather Fountain Cook served in the Union Army during the Civil war.** Fountain was from Bowling Green, Kentucky and was a slave.

2. **William Ed Anderson, my uncle, served in the Spanish American war and the Philippine Insurrection, 1898 until 1902.**

3. **Corporal Virgil G. Anderson, my dad, served in World War I, Company D - 528th Battalion, Engineer Service Brigade. He saw active duty on the Saint Mihiel front in France.**

Numbers 4-7 are my brothers, and the last two, my nephews.

4. **Master Sergeant Virgil R. Anderson, saw active duty in World War II, also in France.**

5. **Master Sergeant Glenn Thomas Anderson served in Korea and Vietnam.**

6. **Private First Class Kenneth Neil Anderson served in the Army’s 1st Cavalry 70th Battalion in Korea.**

7. **Staff Sergeant Wallace Edward Anderson saw active duty in Vietnam.**

8. **Paul “Butch” Coakley, my nephew, was a Navy Seaman during the Vietnam war.**

9. **My nephew, Pvt. Monroe Loftin, Jr., served active duty in the army in Vietnam.**

My dad, four brothers Virgil, Glenn, Kenny, and Wallace and two nephews have pavers at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Sioux Falls. Three of my brothers and both of my nephews were born in Sioux Falls, and are Washington High School alumni. Virgil is the only one still living. He is 93. My four brothers are also enrolled at the AMVETS National Service Foundation in Lanham, Maryland.

Every morning I place two American flags in planters on the front porch.

Editor’s Note: WOW JJ! Very VERY impressive! With only two weeks to go before Memorial Day we all thank you for sharing your families considerable military service to our country. I originally thought I would save your story and publish it in the O&B’s annual Memorial Day Military Issue, but since May is officially “**NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**”, I thought your story was a perfect story to kick off our acknowledgement of the special observance. The O&B is indeed proud to publish your story and we all sincerely thank so many of your family for their service to our country and their defense of our freedom for over 100 years.



Jayne “JJ” Anderson ’53
WHS Senior Photo



Kenneth Anderson ’51
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



VIRGIL & MAGGIE ANDERSON

CORPORAL
VIRGIL G. ANDERSON
US ARMY: WWI



MASTER SERGEANT
VIRGIL R. ANDERSON
US ARMY: WWII



STAFF SERGEANT
WALLACE E. ANDERSON
US ARMY: VIETNAM WAR



MASTER SERGEANT
GLENN T. ANDERSON
US ARMY: KOREAN WAR, VIETNAM WAR



Tommy
Ct. Gd, CA



Kenny in Korea



Wally in Germany



**Jim Carlson '58
WHS Senior**

Jim Carlson '58, Dakota Territory Historian Extraordinaire.

On May 2, 2020, Jim Carlson <pegandjim@sio.midco.net>
wrote:

Hi Jack as with everyone else, I thank you for your effort on the O&B.

I retired from being a Real Estate Broker for 34 years. Now I spend time on something I have always loved, history. Past member of the Sioux Falls Board of Preservation, past President of the Minnehaha County Historical Society and current Historical marker chairman. I am



**Jim Carlson '58
Historian**

a member of the State Historical Society and active at the Augustana, Center for Western Studies. I have presented programs on WW 1, the 1918 Spanish flu and Joe Foss to groups. We lived near the Foss family early 1950's I remember playing in their yard. Joe was on the cover of the June 7, 1943 LIFE Magazine, receiving the Medal of Honor from President Roosevelt. On September 18, 1993 I had Joe sign the cover of that magazine. So began a collection of Foss items in 1993.

Bruce Blake (WHS 1949) a retired attorney started the main historical marker program in the area and has over 200 markers to his credit. After his passing I took over and have worked on 7 markers with 3 now on order. With over 250 in Sioux Falls and the county, there always seems to be a damaged or a missing one. A year ago the ice and March flood took out 4 markers at Yankton Trail Park. One was never found and replaced, 3 were repaired and placed back up. I have worked on getting another 10 or so that we're knocked down by cars, snow plows or mowing equipment. Most repaired, a few had to order new. Made of cast aluminum they are fairly sturdy but can be damaged.

I thought it would be interesting to WHS graduates that there are 5 markers on the Washington Pavilion grounds.

- 1 Nels Boe 23rd Governor of South Dakota.
- 2 Lt. Jonas Lien, first person from Sioux Falls to be killed in a foreign war. The cities first park was a memorial donated land by his brother Mayor Burre Lien. Black stone was quarried from Lien Park for the facade of the 1908 north unit of the original school.
- 3 Sculptor H. Daniel Webster. He sculpted the life size statue of General Beadle, using clay while Beadle posed in the basement of the 1908 original school. The finished bronze is in the Nations Capital, Statuary Hall, Washington D.C
- 4 Eliza Tupper Wilkes. Arrived in Dakota Territory in 1877 and became a community leader. She helped organize the All Souls Church at the corner of 12th Street and Dakota Ave., was active in WCTU and helped found the Ladies History Club. Her efforts lead to Andrew Carnegie offering \$25,000. For construction of the new city library.

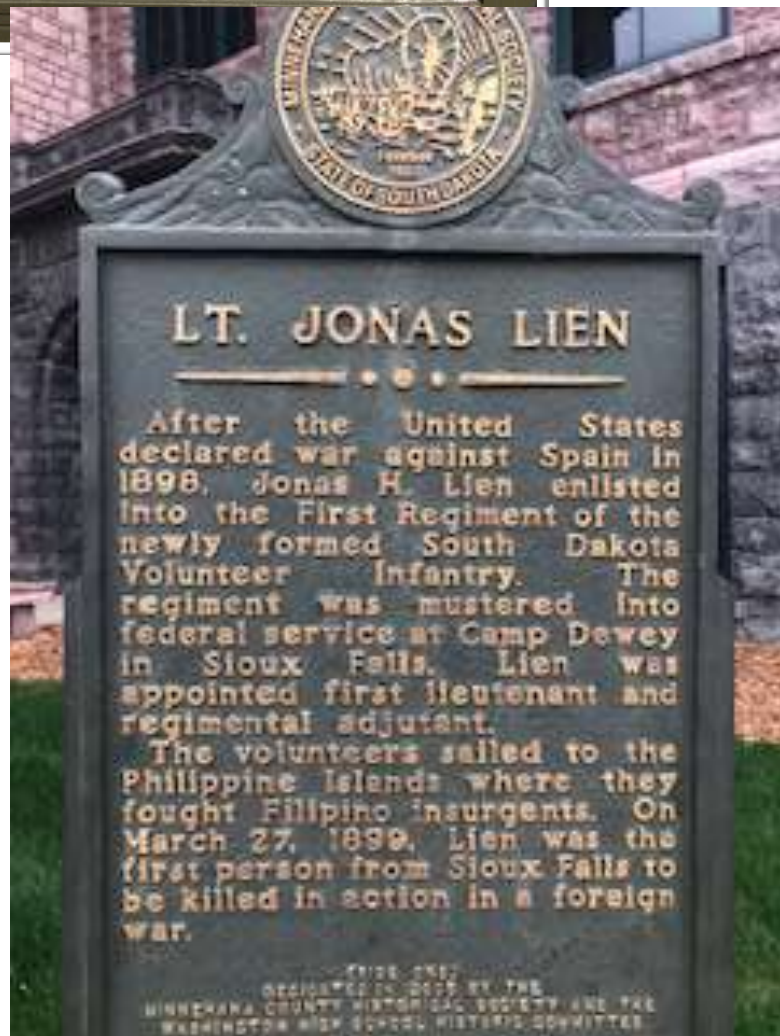
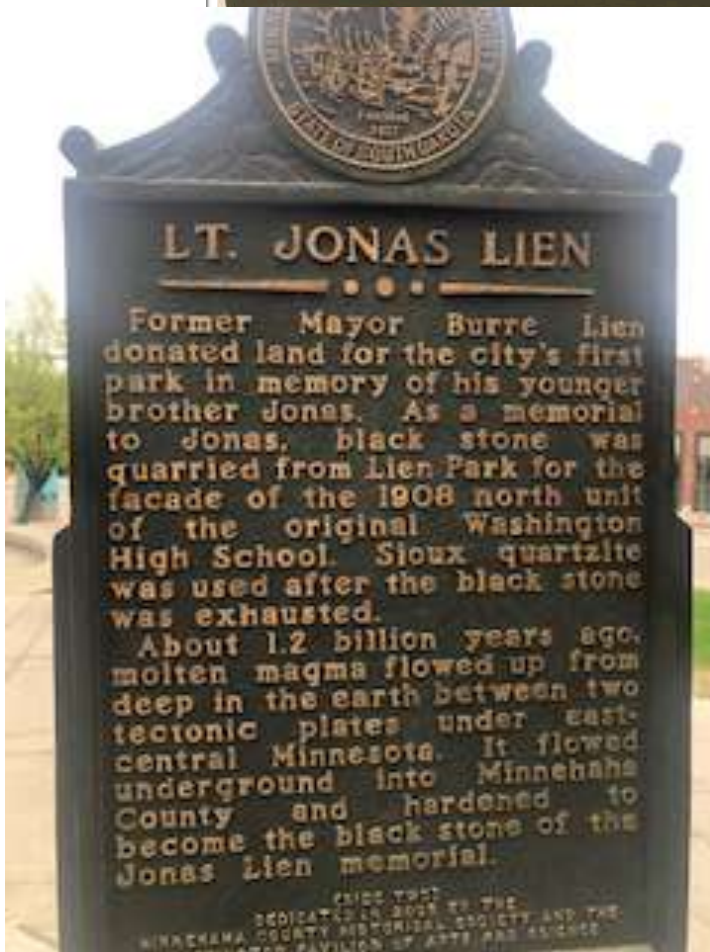
5 WHS marker dedicated in 2006 by MCHS, WHS Alumni Committee and the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science.

The history of WHS goes back to names like Irving later changed to McKinley High School until February 14, 1903 when students carried their books to the new Central School. The new building in 1908 named WHS was located north of Central. In 1923 a second unit was opened. After Central was razed a center unit was built. The building was completed 1935.

I took a picture of the WHS Cornerstone, which was placed June 16, 1935 it's on the NE corner of the building. I wonder how many have actually read it in the past.

If any one has interest in Blake's book on the recorded history of historical markers in Minnehaha they can contact me. Pegandjim@sio.midco.net

Thanks **Jim Carlson '58**



SCULPTOR
H. DANIEL WEBSTER

Harry Daniel Webster (1880-1912) spent much of his childhood on a farm near Rowena, SD. After attending art school in Philadelphia, PA, he worked to become a nationally acclaimed sculptor.

In 1910 Webster began one of his most well-known works, a life-size statue of the beloved General William R.H. Beadle. Because he had led the movement to save school lands in South Dakota for the support of education, the public held Beadle in very high esteem. Children across the state collected pennies to help pay for the statue, and Webster contributed his time and artistic talent.

1908-1912
DEDICATED IN 1912 BY THE

UNIVERSITY
OF S.D.
OF

SCULPTOR
H. DANIEL WEBSTER

General Beadle posed while standing before a podium in the basement of the 1908 first (north) unit of the original Washington High School. Webster sculpted Beadle's likeness using clay from the North Main Avenue hill. School children, old friends, and the curious regularly watched the sculptor at work.

The final statue was made from Tennessee marble. Both Beadle and Webster were present in the rotunda of the South Dakota State Capitol in Pierre for its formal dedication on November 28, 1911.

In 1937 a bronze replica became the first statue of a South Dakotan in national Statuary Hall at the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.

1912-1913
DEDICATED IN 1911 BY THE
JANUARY TWENTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ELIZA TUPPER WILKES
(1844-1917)

Arriving in Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory in 1878, Eliza Tupper Wilkes quickly became one of the community leaders of the small prairie town. She was born Eliza Smith Tupper on October 8, 1844, in Houlton, Maine. As a young woman she was influenced by Quaker friends who encouraged her to study for the ministry. She was ordained a Universalist minister on May 2, 1871.

Eliza married a young Wisconsin lawyer, William A. Wilkes, and the couple eventually settled in Sioux Falls. Encouraged and supported by her husband in her work, for eight years she served as a missionary, working alone without direction or aid from any denomination. She corresponded widely, arranged study groups and classes, and traveled by horse and buggy over the plains of southeastern Dakota Territory and western Minnesota. She conducted services in many scattered communities. She was the first ordained woman minister to publicly preach in Dakota Territory. Usually speaking to a crowded hall, she was "beloved for her faithfulness out of the pulpit as well as for her ability in it." It was said that she was particularly popular with young women, and that her modest, gentle demeanor was much admired by all women of the area. In the autumn of 1886, she helped organize the All Souls Church (Unitarian).

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ELIZA TUPPER WILKES (1844-1917)

She was a major force in the building of the original church at the southeast corner of Dakota Avenue and 12th Street, which was dedicated on April 25, 1888.

Pastor Wilkes managed a very full life, raising five sons and a daughter. She and her husband, by then a Minnehaha County judge, built several homes in the elegant North Summit and Prairie Avenues area, now a part of the Cathedral Historic District. She was known as a gracious and busy mother and hostess. Her children often camped at "Ford's Grove, west of town," which is now lower Sherman Park.

Eliza Tupper Wilkes also played a leadership role in civic affairs. She was active in the W. C. T. U. campaigns to control and abolish liquor. As an early champion of woman suffrage, *Eliza* helped found the Ladies' History Club, which later became the Sioux Falls Woman's Club. She was also a charter member of the Reading Club, formed in 1879, which donated the first \$50 toward a book fund to establish the city's first library. She was chosen to select and purchase the books. Widely recognized as an intellectual and cultural leader, she was "one of the foremost workers" in the establishment of the Sioux Falls Public Library.

Eliza Tupper Wilkes died on February 5, 1917, at the age of 73, but her legacy is substantial. Several of her contributions made over 100 years ago continue to grow and improve and benefit this community today.

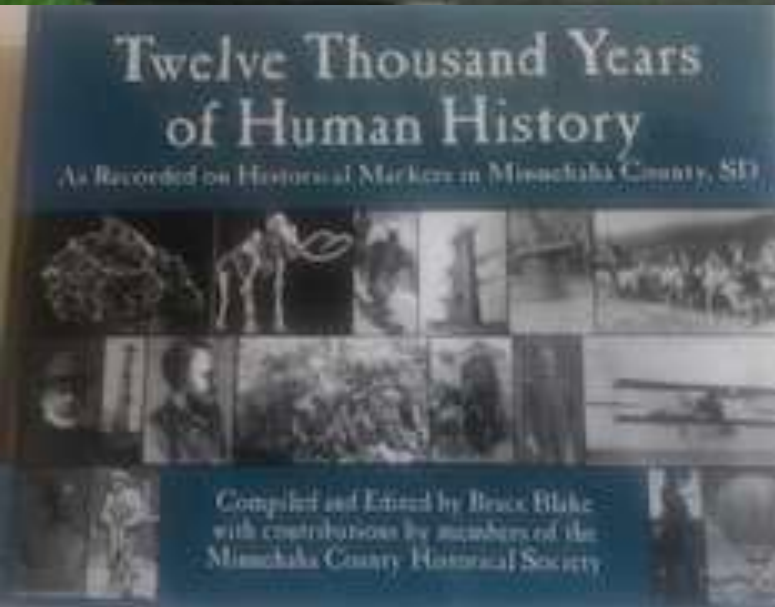
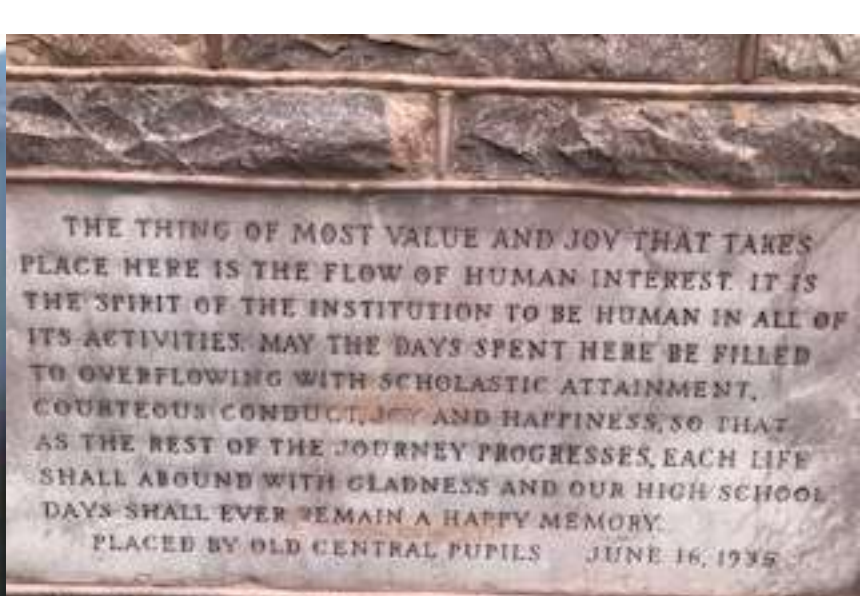
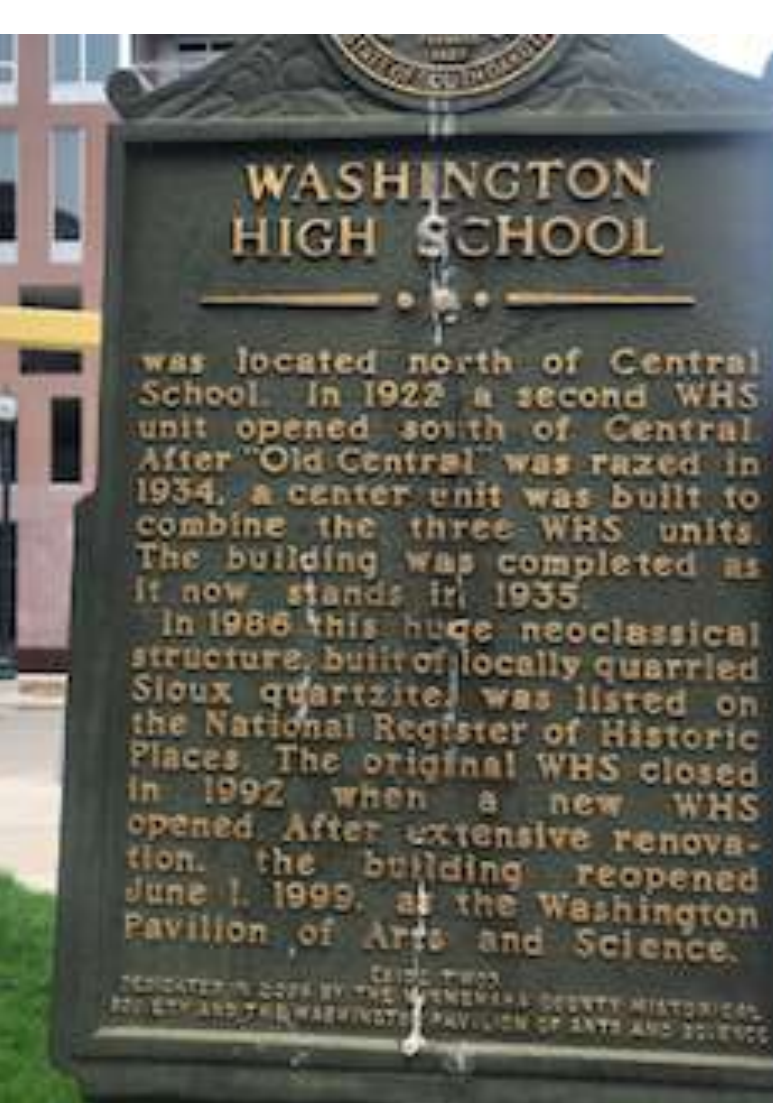
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MINNEHAHA COUNTY AND SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES
AND THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

For most of the 119 years between 1873 and 1992, a majority of Sioux Falls children attended one of three successive public schools erected on this site. The first, an unnamed small wood-frame elementary school, was replaced five years later by Central School, a large two-story brick structure. In 1879 when 20 pupils enrolled to attend high school there, they became the first students of Sioux Falls High School, the city's first secondary school.

A new high school building was opened in 1908. Named Washington High School (WHS), it

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DEDICATED IN 2008 BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY AND THE WHS ALUMNI HISTORIC COMMITTEE



Thanks so much Jim. Please keep
up the wonderful and interesting
work you do for all of us.

Jack



Tom Little '61
WHS Senior Photo

Tom Little '61 - Emerson Story

On May 4, 2020, THOMAS LITTLE '61 <thomasleelittle@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack,

A few times here and there you have mentioned that you are looking for material for the O&B. So I have written a short story about one of Loren's and my experiences while going to Emerson---kind of an adventure/reminiscence story. Its about 95% true although

I might have taken a little bit of artistic license where memory failed. I think (hope) the O&B readers might enjoy it--it includes school building elements, some real student names, some staff, room location, and other ingredients familiar to Emerson or really any 50s school building students. I have included a **couple staff photos** ([see attachments](#)) that Loren had. If you would like any revisions, etc. please advise and I would try my best. I look forward to hearing from you--hope you can use. I have [attached](#) both a Microsoft Word copy as well as a PDF copy for your perusal.

Tom Little--WSHS '61

(843) 696-8453 Cell



Anna Mae Linter
Tough but Beloved
Emerson Principal
40's & 50's ???



Chester, Emerson's friendly
janitor and everyone's
friend '40s & 50's ??

AN EMERSON ADVENTURE : THE GYM STAIRS INCIDENT

It could have been about anytime winter in the early 1950s'. My brother Loren, ahead of me by two grades, and I were still both attending Emerson Grade School. It was another one of those blinding SD blizzards--yes...more than a snowstorm with incredible amounts of snow coming down mixed with high winds. Roads were clogging up and the few vehicles on the road were struggling to get where they were going. Slipping and sliding around...getting stuck and unstuck. *School had been called off!* After a couple phone calls to friends, we were off to Emerson. Yes...that is correct. The call of basketball and the Emerson gym were too much to resist, so we packed ourselves in parkas with hood up, stocking cap beneath, warm gloves or mittens, rubber boots with tennis shoes under...against parent protests.

We set off down that long Hawthorne Avenue hill from West 18th to 15th..."still alive...we will make it...can't see a thing in the snow...turn right on 15th two blocks...ooops heading into the cold wind again going north on West Avenue...only another couple blocks...now up the West Avenue hill between 14th and 13th....to the West Avenue side entrance...we made it...we're still alive! We have to find Chester (the custodian) to let us in. He'll be there...he always makes it". We peer through the windows....bang on the door---see him....he lets us in. "Wow.....getting warm at last. We ARE going to get to 'shoot baskets' today after all!" We were again fulfilling a winter ritual of heading to the school, with school called off, so that we could play basketball in the gym--a crazy but fun bout of human versus nature.

Always needing a couple more players to round out a 2 on 2 game, we always connected with a couple friends to meet us at the gym. Hazy with the passage of time, some names of "possibles" for accomplices that come to mind are Gary Unruh, Evan Nolte, Bill Billman, Jim O'Toole, and the younger Rick Klawiter, Steve Mahlstedt, Gerry Amundson or Jerry O'Toole.....among perhaps others.

All went well that day until an errant basketball went up on the gym stage, which sat elevated at the south end of the Emerson gym. Headfirst and sliding, Loren scrambled up onto the stage to retrieve the ball. Banging into a folding chair next to the ball he came up with a bloody spot above his eye on the forehead. An errant nail had been sticking out of the leg of the chair and had "stuck" him a good one when he had slammed into it.

Blurred with the passage of much time I now only remember following him running up the steps off the west side of the stage. He was trying to cover the wound with a gym shirt, but blood droplets were still hitting the old wooden steps as he went. The next remembrance is of him being packed off in a taxicab driven by our uncle "Bus", still operating in horrible weather, who had arrived to take him to the Sioux Valley Hospital Emergency Room for stitches. Apparently our mother had called him to get the emergency transport job done that day for his nephew. Loren was later to help staff that same Emergency Room while doing his medical internship there before Vietnam service.

Forgotten in the course of everyday life, time passed away until one day in early adulthood I thought I would stop and visit the site of our winter escapades---good old Emerson. Vividly remembering the somewhat traumatic event, I went to check out the stairs to see if there was still any sign of our adventurous day and early life. Sure enough...*there they were*...three or four clear blood droplet *stains* right there leading up those wooden stairs.... embedded and embossed with years of countless layers of varnish and wax. During subsequent visits back to Sioux Falls in adulthood, married with children by then, I would sometimes stop the car at Emerson with my kids in tow and inspect those same steps to see if the stains were still there...and reacquaint my kids with the probably too familiar story of that blizzard day. Those ever-present stains served as continuing symbols of our cherished childhood, symbols of adventurous times at a much younger and simpler stage of life. I knew the symbols would be there as long as the building would be there...and so it was.

Thomas L. Little (Washington Senior High School, Class of 1961)

Loren E. Little (Washington High School, Class of 1959) (Gratefully providing editing and photos)

(a) Chester--relaxing in his "office"; (b) Anna Mae Linter--strict and feared Principal @ 1950s'.



Patricia O'Reilly '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 13, 2020, **Patti O'Rielly Miller '59** <PMiller@murphymiller.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

First and foremost, thank you for the incredible contribution you have made to the classes of the Fifties and their families! We all owe you a big shout out! I was fortunate to be added to your list last September, when my reunion classmate, Connie Nelson, told me about you. My joi de vivre has been a bit of 50's reminiscing ever since.

I believe there was discussion about your needing to step back from this responsibility in March for a variety of reasons. Is that still your plan? I recall that the expense of the computer equipment and other related items was one reason. No doubt, the time devoted to this is extensive. Is there a way we can help? I am not certain how anyone can help with the process but the expense should be a no brainer. I know you mentioned getting new equipment. I am very willing to help with that. I am also in favor of an annual or monthly contributions from those of us who enjoy your publication. Perhaps not everyone is able, however, some more than others.

Jack,, please share your thoughts with me. Thank your beautiful wife for all her support.

Most sincerely,

Pattie
1959

Patricia O'Rielly Miller
Chairman
Murphy & Miller, Inc.
600 West Taylor Street
Chicago, IL 60607
312-427-8900 Main

Dear Pattie, thanks for you warm and most thoughtful letter. I guess you have seen the results of your idea. I have truly been overwhelmed and gratified by the "PATRONS" response. Jack



Larry Gleeson '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 28, 2020, Gleeson, Larry <Larry.Gleeson@unt.edu> wrote:

Jack:

Thank you greatly for all you do for us 1950s Washington High alums.

It was my good fortune to spend junior and senior years there after Dayton's bought Fantle's and sent my Dad to manage it. I now attend the annual Boys of '57 reunions at Pete Hegg's Circle H Ranch with Mark Line '57, John Simko '57, Ron Warren, etc.

Would you please add **Betsy Adams ('58)** Wright to your email list.
lizw841@yahoo.com



Betsy Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

Right Photos: Mark
Line '57, John Simko
'57 & Ron Warren '57





Tom Anderson '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 7, 2020, at 7:49 AM, **Thomas D Anderson '54** <anderson.tom36@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes JackI got the correct one almost right away. You do such a fantastic job with the O & B and to take the time while on the cruise to put out two issues is certainly above and beyond. Hope you had a fantastic time on your cruise and many many thanks for what you do for the WHS classes of the 1950's.

On Mar 5, 2020, at 9:51 PM, **Jack Phillips '54** <jackmp@me.com> wrote:

Hi Tom, No, it is not your computer. I am still on a cruise ship and trying to use their wi fi program and it sucks. Lots of unique problems not to mention terribly slow. I have just sent it again and hopefully it will be correct this time. We get off the ship early tomorrow morning and home by tomorrow night. Sure will be glad to get home to my own wi fi system. Thanks for writing. I knew immeadiately because I always check to make sure it was correct. Needless to say I panic when it is not and swear a lot.

You should have the corrected Renner Sp Ed by now. Jack

On Mar 5, 2020, at 7:34 PM, Thomas D Anderson '54 <anderson.tom36@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, you probably have already been told this or it is a unique problem with my computer ,but when I open your special edition on Don Renner I get your O&B edition of yesterday. **Tom Anderson '54**



Jenny Boersma '52
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 2, 2020, **Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52** <pfeifer30@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, I am **Wally Boersma's '54** sister as you probably know. I do enjoy your emails very much, thank you for sending them. One of our very good friends, **Jack Nelson '51** died today. You can get his obituary by logging into Holloway Funeral Home, Salisbury, Maryland obits.



Wally Boersma '54
WHS Senior Photo

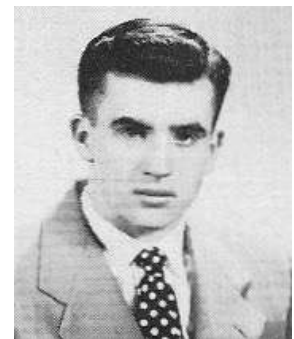
Also, **Jim Canada '52** from our class of 52 died a couple years ago. I don't have any details but do have his wife's address if you would like it.

Thank you for all the work you do.

Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52



Jack Nelson '51
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Jim Canada '52
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

On Apr 3, 2020, Lynn Marshall <travelynn2@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jack, My mom always enjoyed reading your Newsletters. She went to only a couple of the reunions. We were all set to attend the all school one in 2015 when she found out she had breast cancer and needed surgery and we had to cancel our trip. I was planning to go with her. She always told me when something were to happen she wanted me to notify you. So here is her obituary that will run in this Sundays paper in San Diego. Sioux Falls was like her Tara and she loved going back and most likely we will bring her remains back to Woodlawn cemetery where her parents and sister and brother in law are. Her maiden name was Bruggeman.

Thank you for continuing on, it did mean a lot to her.

Sincerely,

Lynn Marshall
Daughter



LaDean Bruggeman '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

On Apr 4, 2020, at 10:55 PM, Lynn Marshall <travelynn2@hotmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Jack for the great WHS writeup, my mom would have loved it, especially the yearbook photo! Thats exactly what she wanted I'm sure.

Best to you,

Lynn Marshall
Daughter

On Apr 5, 2020, at 9:19 AM, Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com> wrote:

Oh Lynn, thank you! You don't know how much I appreciate it when someone from the family writes with their approval of what I send out. I am just always so regretful when the time comes that my Special Editions are called for.

I am touched and honored that your Mom had asked you to notify me at her passing and I do hope so much that she would approve. She was a super nice lady and may she now rest in peace.

Jack Phillips '54



Richard Gary Norbraten '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 4, 2020, **Richard Norbraten '54** <norbraten@twc.com> wrote:

Subject: Sp Ed 4-4-20 LaDean Bruggeman '54 #25-20

Jack: When I was working at the San Diego Union-Tribune from 1990-1994, I got reacquainted with LaDean. I found out that she was working in the classified ads department, as her obit mentions, and we had several lunches together. She also loaned me her Orange and Black yearbook from 1954 since I didn't have one. --

Gary

Daughter seeking Info on WHS Mom & Dad

On May 29, 2018, Debbie Atwood Kemblowski wrote looking for her parents.

Hi, I am trying to locate any information on my parents who would have been graduates of Washington High **1949, 1950 or 1951**. **Lloyd Ivan Atwood**, I believe he may have played both football and track for the school. My mother **Patricia Jean McClaren** was a year behind him and was in band. Both are gone and I am trying to see if I can figure out if they graduated and what year it would have been. My dad served in the Army Sept 1951 and was medically honorably discharged in late 1952 after serving in Alaska. Parents got married in Nov of 1952.

I hope this isn't a wild goose chase that I am asking you to get involved in, but if you happen to have any yearbooks or pamphlets that could help me out with this information I would appreciate your help.

Thank you sincerely,
Debbie Kemblowski

On May 5, 2020, **Jack Phillips '54** <jackmp@me.com> wrote:

Dear Debbie,

I hope you accept replies to your emails that are two years late. As you can see you wrote me on May 29, 2018 asking me to help you find some info on your Mom and Dad from WHS.

I am sorry but I just received your email. It was with a block of 2,752 emails that were originally sent up to two years ago. The "sent dates" vary from 5-29-18 to 6-7-19. I normally receive between 100 and 200 emails per day, but now with this block of 2,752 more I obviously am now really delinquent in my replies. Sorry!

I have just finished searching the yearbooks I have for your parents but found only a "**Albert Atwood**" on the 1948 track team in the '49 yearbook. I only have WHS yearbooks from 1949 through 1962. I thoroughly searched through the 1949 to 1953 books for both your Mom and Dad. I not only searched the senior photos for each of those years, I also checked the home room photos in the freshman, sophomore and junior '49 book. As you suggested, I also checked the football and track teams for your Dad and both the Band and Orchestra for your Mom.

I just happened to find "Albert Atwood" with the '48 track team in the '49 yearbook because track is a spring sport and all of the '48 track photos will not appear until the '49 yearbook.

I am assuming you are still interested in learning anything you can about your Mom and Dad so I will print your letter in the next O&B Newsletter asking if any of my readers happen to have known either your Mom or Dad.

Again, sorry for the two year delay and for the lack of info I could find.

Jack Phillips
Class of '54

If any of you recall **Lloyd Ivan Atwood or Patricia Jean McClaren** who attended WHS sometime during the period of **1949, 1950 or 1951** please contact the O&B. He may have been on the football or track teams. She would have been a member of the Band or Orchestra.



Patti Wilder '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 5, 2020, **Patti Wilder '59** <tw541@midco.net> wrote:



This picture from World War II, a soldier carrying a donkey. It is not that the soldier loves donkeys or has some sort of perversion. What's happening is that the field is mined and that if the donkey was free to wonder as it pleased, it would likely detonate a charge and kill everyone. The moral of the story is that during difficult times the first ones you have to keep under control are the jackasses who don't understand the danger and do as they please.



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 17, 2020, at 9:26 PM, Donald Brown
<don@chubrown.com> wrote:

Talk about a big and very pleasant surprise, Jack: the photo of Joann Hemauer on p. 15 of the current O&B Newsletter. She attended Cathedral High ('53). I was reliably told by one of her classmates that Joann had a crush on me. I saw her many dozens of times, I delivering the Argus, she walking home from school. I was a shy guy and never got up the courage to so much as wave to her. Only now do I see she looked as good as my glances across the street suggested. Many many thanks for continuing the O&B Newsletter!



Don Brown '53
WHS Sophomore Photo



Joann Hemauer
Cathedral '53

Don Knutson '54

Letters To The Editor



Harry Hoiland '54
WHS Senior Photo

On May 2, 2020, at 1:16 PM, Harry Hoiland <paveknife@hotmail.com> wrote:

I THANK YOU, JACK, FOR KEEPING US INFORMED OF DON'S PASSING. HE WAS TRULY A GREAT FRIEND, CLASSMATE AND TRULY A GREAT AMERICAN HERO!!! I

remember one time a couple of years ago where I was emailing Don. At 2:30AM I was getting a very weird

response from him. It looked like he was passed out and had his finger on the Send Key as it just kept repeating one time after another (IT TURNED OUT A COMPUTER MALFUNCTION). It did not act like Don, so I looked up his phone no. and called him. HE WAS ASLEEP, but thanked me for calling him and expressing my concern. HE SAID THAT WAS THE NICEST PHONE CALL HE HAD EVER GOTTEN!! I told him that had he

not answered I was going to call 911 down there to get him help and that I would have even got a flight down there if he needed help. We talked for about an hour or so that time!

AGAIN, JACK, THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE!1

HARRY Hoiland '54



Colonel Donald Knutson '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Don Brown '53
WHS Sophomore Photo

On May 2, 2020, Donald Brown <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

Quite a story, Jack. What a sad loss though. I must have come close to seeing him in 1954 when he broke the speed of sound in an f86, as certified by North American Aviation. I was working in NAA's Engineering Flight Test Department at the time, but it had two physical locations: one at the Los Angeles International Airport (where I worked) and one in the Mojave Desert, where there was much more regular contact with the Air Force. Don surely flew out of the latter. The f86 and its performance in the VN war was the main concern where I then worked. **Don Brown '53**



Dr. Wayne Boese '56
WHS Senior Photo

On May 2, 2020, wayne boese '56 <drwboese@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jack,

Thanks for this very fine overview of a man who served our country so admirably.

And thanks for continuing to serve our WHS classes of that great decade of the '50s.

Wayne Boese, WHS, 1956

On May 2, 2020, **John Matthius '76** <jmatthius@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Jack, I appreciate your two recent editions of your WSHS newsletter re: Col. Knutson's passing. I was related to Col. Knutson somehow - on my late mother's side. Her mother was a Knutson. I only met Col. Knutson once, but he gave me his laminated business card which I still have. It was the mental image of that card that flashed in my mind when I saw your email and caused me to pay closer attention.

Once again, had there not been your newsletters, I'd not been aware he had passed. I forwarded your messages to my first cousins on my mother's side, and it was the first they knew of his passing as well. One of those first cousins immediately recalled Col. Knutson's American Hero history, and was able to identify for the rest of us the line of the Knutson family tree he was a member of.

Thanks again for your diligence and selfless work to honor the memory of so many WSHS grads.

Sincerely,

John Matthius

Sioux Falls, SD '76



On May 2, 2020, **Alma Anderson Johnson '53**

<jayne_johnson35@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, thanks for writing such a wonderful life of Don. I don't remember him, but he would have been someone I would have liked to have known. I just can't say enough about our men and women who go and fight for us so that we can be safe and not suffer. I hear folk talking about suffering during this virus but come on now I think they are using that word too loosely. I'm thankful that I live in America and my brother Glenn said this was the best country regardless of "all the other stuff that goes on."

You and Debra stay safe.jj **JJ Anderson Johnson '53**

Jayne JJ Anderson '53
WHS Senior Photo

On May 5, 2020, Dale Knutson <rogerooter@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: "Dale Knutson" <rogerooter@yahoo.com>

To: "jackmp@me.com" <jackmp@me.com>

Subject: Don Knutson

From Don's brother, Dale Knutson.

Dear Jack, as a good and respected friend of my beloved and inimitable brother I am sending you some letters Don valued greatly. You will recognize one in particular because you so eloquently composed it. He was profoundly moved and immensely proud that you had done this, as evidenced by the fact that nearly the whole family has copies. I've included the official Air Force biography from before his retirement.

Additionally, you'll find an unsolicited note from a fellow officer and instructor that we feel reflects the way that all who knew Don would readily affirm. It is just one of folders full.

First is the obituary as it will appear in the San Bernardino Sun newspaper tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6. (I will have to send it all in additional emails. My first attempt returned as too much data)

In addition to our rather large family, Don had more good and real friends - worldwide - than anyone I have ever met. As you well know, many of these dated back to his years in Sioux Falls and to Washington High in particular. I would be indebted to you and the limited number of others that I can contact personally if you would pass anything on to those who would be interested.

By the way, I remember meeting you at your 50th reunion in 2004 and a couple of stories you two revisited - sounded a lot like high school again.

Don was my brother by genetics but my best friend by choice. I feel blessed that I was able to spend nearly 21 months with him over the last 16 years. He will be on my mind and in my heart to my last minute.

Dale Knutson

Brother

Colonel Donald O. Knutson

USAF Retired

Obituary



COL. DONALD O. KNUTSON, USAF RETIRED

Col. Donald O. Knutson, USAF retired, passed away on April 23, 2020 at Loma Linda Hospital.

Col. Knutson was a proud 36 year veteran of the United States Air Force. Along with various posts in the U.S., he served in Vietnam as both a fighter pilot and as an O-2 observation aircraft pilot. Don later served in Japan where he was awarded the Order Of The Rising Sun by the Japanese Emperor. Included in his numerous honors he was recipient of two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

Don was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on February 13, 1936. He graduated from Washington High School in 1954 and joined the Air National Guard while attending Augustana College. He achieved a bachelors degree from Troy State and his Masters from Auburn.

After retiring at Norton AFB, Don continued to make his home in Highland, California.

He is survived by his children Deborah Mains and her husband Gary from Port Charlotte Florida, son Steven Knutson and wife Patricia residing in San Bernardino; brothers Richard and his wife Virginia in Vermillion South Dakota, Dale living in Eagle, Idaho, and sister Deanne Saeterhaug residing in Heimdal, Norway; many beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews throughout the U.S. and Norway.

Donald's love and support for his family, friends and country will be greatly missed.

Interment will take place at Riverside National Cemetery.

