

News of the Month – April 2013

Class of 1959 – Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

Big piles of snow are still part of the Eau Claire landscape, but rain is pouring down today and revealing a few grassy spots here and there. Spring weather is coming! And, with spring, it seems a good time to remind everyone that time does fly for those of us who are in our seventies, so if you are thinking about going on the Class of 1959 Trip to Branson, Missouri, in the fall, now is the time to contact Karen Garton Miller about reservations. All of the information and the brochure are on this website, so take a look, and see if you want to travel with your classmates from September 16 – 21, 2013. It will be a great time for all!

The Class of 1959 Address Update Forms are still coming in, so I'm going to wait until May to do the update list of addresses, etc. Meantime, there are three classmates to be added to our *Missing* list, because their annual letters came back with "unable to forward" on them. The three missing people are: John Burmeister, Dawne Schreiner-Sutton, and Lyle Smith. If anyone knows the address for any one of these classmates, please get in touch with Steve Loken or me.

Recently, our classmate, Barbara Back Johnson, sent us information about the death of another classmate, Bonnie Johnson Accola, who died on June 28, 1975. As a result, Steve Loken was able to locate an obituary online and has added it to the "Memorials" section of this website with Bonnie's picture. Thanks to Barb and to Steve for the nice memorial to Bonnie.

Another picture has been added to the "Memorials" section also. On March 8, 2013, the children of Eugene Gunderson and his wife, Vida, placed a lovely tribute to their parents in the *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*. It has been added to the "Memorials" section of this website with Gene's class picture. It's a wonderful picture of Gene and Vida and a very loving memorial from their family.

Sadly, other families from our Class of 1959 have had great losses during the past month also.

Dr. Charles R. Gore, brother of our classmate, Jayne Gore Emerson, passed on Wednesday, March 6, 2013. He was raised in Eau Claire, was a talented musician, and became a dentist in the Atlanta, Georgia, area.

Wes LaMuska's sister, Lucille Boettcher, died peacefully, on March 7, 2013. Some of you may remember Lucille as Wes's "older" sister through the years. She and her husband, John, operated Deluxe Bakery in Eau Claire for 22 years. (Wes LaMuska died on January 25, 2010.)

Douglas O. Johnson, brother of our classmate, Greg Johnson, died on March 19, 2013. Doug was a lawyer in Eau Claire for over 25 years. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Laurel (Austin) Johnson, and they had three children.

Mildred "Mitzie" Woletz, mother of our classmate, John Woletz, died on March 20, 2013. Mrs. Woletz was an Executive Secretary for various departments at UWEC. She retired in 1987.

We send our sincere sympathy to our classmates and their families at this sad time. Our thoughts are with you.



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