

News of the Month - December 2012

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



December 1, 2012

Dear Classmates,

As we celebrate the holiday season and pass from the year 2012 to the year 2013, we are also celebrating a milestone for our class. We are half-way to our 55th Class Reunion, which will be coming up in September 2014. If you think back really hard, you might remember what life was like fifty-five years ago, when we were juniors at Memorial High School. Good memories! Since then, many classmates have scattered all over the world. Some have faced major health issues. Some have passed on. But through the years, even though we've lived varied lives, we've remained friends who get together every five years to celebrate "us." And we're still special. We are the Class of 1959! No matter where we go or what we do, we have been part of a great group of people for most of our lives. We are fortunate. So, give yourself a present this holiday. Plan to attend the 55th Reunion of the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959 in September 2014!

Two of our class members are doing some celebrating right now. Our classmate, Julie Krause Renz, and her husband, George, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 17, 2012, with an Open House at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Congratulations, Judy and George! Also, we learned recently that our classmate, Steve Johnson, and his wife, Janet Anderson Johnson, will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 2, 2012. Happy Anniversary, Steve and Janet!

On the other hand, several of our Class of 1959 families experienced great sadness this past month. Onita Jorgensen, mother of our classmate, Keith Jorgensen, died on October 31, 2012, at the age of 96 years. Mrs. Jorgensen was also the mother of Jerry Jorgensen, who is married to our classmate, Karen Zutter Jorgensen. We send our sincere condolences to Keith and his wife, Carol; to Jerry and Karen; and to their families

On November 7, 2012, Winifred Hanson, mother of our classmate, Jean Hanson Parr, passed away, at age 99. We send our sympathy and hugs to Jean and her husband, Doug Parr, and to their family at this sad time.

Our classmate, Michael L. Bell, died on November 12, 2012, in Sun City, California. Mike and his wife, Mary, had eight B & B bar/restaurants in Wisconsin for many years. They retired in 2008, and moved to California to be near their children. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Mary and the Bell family.

And Jodie Mueller, daughter of our classmate, Judy Bonnin Steinke, and step-daughter of our classmate, Dennis Steinke, died on November 27, 2012, in California, after a courageous battle with cancer. No words can express the sorrow and sympathy that are extended to you and to your family on the death of your daughter. We send our hugs and want you to know that you are in our thoughts.

Further information about our classmates can be found by going to "What's New?" on this website.

Please change the email address for Mary Haas Muldoon to: granddoon@gmail.com.

May the holidays be filled with love and special times for you and your families!

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