



News of the Month – December 2014
Class of 1959 – Memorial High School
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
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Dear Classmates,

Thanks to you, many students in Eau Claire will benefit from the money you have been donating to the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation. Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe, who is the Executive Director of the Foundation, has emailed me to say that donations are coming in from all over the country. And I know that those donations will make a big difference in many lives for the students in the Eau Claire Public School System. I knew you would be generous with your gifts. Our class has always been a great group of people who care about others. I feel so fortunate to have been part of this class for all these years. And it just gets better with age!

With sadness, I have to tell you that two of our classmates died during the past month. Clarice Amble Pierce died on November 12, 2014, in Eau Claire. Her family moved from Colfax to Eau Claire in 1957, which was when Clarice joined the ECMHS Class of 1959. She was a woman of many talents and interests and lived life to the fullest, as you can see by reading her obituary at “What’s New?” on this website. Clarice was married to David Pierce, who preceded her in death.

Our other classmate who died during the past month was Thomas A. (Punky) Schwartz. Tom died on November 19, 2014. Tom grew-up on the lower West Side of Eau Claire and was one of my good friends at Randall School. Tom graduated from UW-Eau Claire, and he and his wife, Colleen, have lived in Columbia, Illinois, for many years. It’s hard to believe that Tom has passed on after giving him a hug at our 55th Reunion, having a visit, and thinking how good it was to see him. You can read his obituary on this website by going to “What’s New?” We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Clarice and Tom’s families at this sad time.

We have another classmate to add to the list of those people we can’t find at this point. Bob Steidtmann’s last letter about the reunion activities came back with no forwarding address. If anyone knows where Bob is, please send me an address for him.

Shortly after the holidays, I’ll be trying to put a list together of those people who would like to work on the 60th Reunion. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of the committee.

Warm wishes for a happy holiday season to all of you,

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