



**News of the Month – February 2013**  
**Class of 1959 – Memorial High School**  
**Eau Claire, Wisconsin**  
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Dear Classmates,

The annual *ECMHS Class of 1959 Newsletter* will be mailed to you on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. If it does not arrive at your home within a week or so of that date, please let me know – just in case we have the wrong address on file for you. We want to make sure that everyone gets the newsletter and knows just what’s happening with our class. There’s some good information in the letter about our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, which is coming up on September 12, 13, & 14, 2014. There’s also some exciting information about a Class of 1959 Trip to Branson in September 2013. And, as in other years, there’s also a form to send to us to make sure we have your most current contact information, etc. It would be great if everyone would complete the questionnaire and return it, so we know you’ve received the letter, and we know we have the correct information for you as of this month. Please take a few minutes and a stamp to complete the page and send it to the address indicated on the form.

There is also a list in the newsletter of 112 classmates of ours who have died since we graduated from high school, and, as you know from reading the website newsletters during the past year, we have had several classmates pass on during 2012. Another has joined them in 2013. Gerald A. Shermo passed away peacefully at his home on January 25, 2013, after a battle with cancer. Jerry was married to Lorena Mae Fedie, and they would have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2013. The obituary for Jerry is on the class website. You can find it by going to the *What’s New* section. Jerry and Lorena had two sons and three grandchildren. We send our sincere sympathy to Jerry’s family and loved ones at this sad time.

With Valentine’s Day coming up and seeing all the heart symbols of love in the stores, in the newspapers, and on television, it makes me think of our Class of 1959 motto: “The past is in our hearts; the future is in our hands.” We had a good time in high school. We got to know a lot of great classmates through the four years we spent together. Those days will live in our hearts forever, and now, the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee has decided to try to give our class members a chance to go back to the fifties in our hearts during our September 2014 reunion by making “Back to the Fifties” the theme for the weekend. If you have any ideas or suggestions about activities and events that could make that happen for you, please let the committee members know, or give us your ideas when you send back your questionnaire! We want to make the 55<sup>th</sup> the best reunion ever, and we can do that – with your help.

Meantime, have a happy Valentine’s Day with your loved ones, and give them some extra-special hugs and chocolates as we celebrate the beauty of all the different kinds of love we experience in a lifetime.

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Valentine