



News of the Month – February 2016

Memorial High School – Class of 1959

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

It seems to me that our class has had a lot of sad times over the last several months, and this month is no exception. I'm sorry to tell you that we have, again, lost some class members and close family members of classmates during the past month. Perhaps we're at an age when we have to accept that we are getting older, and death is more of a possibility, but it's hard to lose so many good friends and family members at any time. No matter how old we get, we love them all.

Our classmate, Elizabeth (Bette) Mencel Wahl, died on December 27, 2015. Bette married Eric Wahl in 1964. He preceded her in death. Bette and Eric had three children and two grandchildren. Bette was very active in the Eau Claire community through the years and still managed to golf, play tennis, and participate in numerous art exhibits. A memorial service was held on January 2, 2016, at First Congregational Church in Eau Claire.

Nora Boehlke, mother of our classmate, Wayne Boehlke, and mother-in-law of our classmate, Vernett Peterson, whose wife is Kathleen Boehlke Peterson, died on December 31, 2015. Mrs. Boehlke's husband, Melvin, preceded her in death. A memorial service was held on January 5, 2016, at Chapel Heights United Methodist Church.

Vic Rebeck's mother, Lorraine, died on January 2, 2016, in Hawaii. She was 99 years old and had been in a nursing home there for several years.

And our classmate, Shirley Mittelstadt Rude, died on January 16, 2016. Shirley married John Rude in 1970. He preceded her in death. Shirley spent many hours volunteering throughout her life and loved playing bridge, but her greatest joy was spending time with her two grandchildren. Shirley was a lifelong member of Epiphany Lutheran Church, and her Celebration of Life was held on January 21, 2016, at Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel.

The obituaries for all of these people can be found on this website by going to *What's New?*

Valentine's Day has always been a special day to express our love for those around us. Remember grade school, when we would work so hard to sign our Valentines, bring them to school, and give them to our classmates? Wasn't it great! And now, here we are, all these years later, and we still love our classmates.

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