



# News of the Month – January 2011

## Memorial High School Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

January 1, 2011

Dear Classmates,

As we bid “goodbye” to 2010 this month, we must also say goodbye to a number of our classmates and classmates’ family members who have died over the past month. A link to the obituaries for all of these people can be found on this website.

**We extend our heartfelt sympathy and caring thoughts to the families of the following members of the Class of 1959.**

Our classmate, Joseph R. “Joe” LaPoint, died on November 30, 2010. Joe was also the brother-in-law of our classmate, Rose Sosnouski LaPoint, who is married to Joe’s brother, Doug LaPoint.

Our classmate, Robert A. “Bob” Dole, died on December 9, 2010. Bob was also the brother-in-law of our classmate, John Baker, who is married to Bob’s sister, Wendy Dole Baker.

Our classmate, Donna Pahl Brixen, died on December 25, 2010.

**The following family members of our classmates died during the past month also. We extend our sincere sympathy and caring thoughts to our friends and their families at this sad time.**

David Allen, brother of our classmate, James Allen, who has also passed on, died on November 3, 2010. Their sister, Jeanne Allen Peterson, lives in Eau Claire.

Charles O. “Chick” Bush, husband of our classmate, Linda Mattison Bush, died on December 7, 2010.

Donald E. Newville, husband of our classmate, Ruth Taylor Newville, died on December 12, 2010. He was also the brother-in-law of our classmate, Ken Taylor, who is Ruth’s brother.

It is hard to start the year with a letter about this sad news, but we all care about these people, and all of us want to know about life’s changes so that we can send a card or make a telephone call and help our classmates, their families, and others, in some way, through the difficult times in life. Thus, it seems appropriate that we start the New Year by doing exactly that – reaching out to life-long friends and letting them know we care. Certainly, as we get older and face the future, we understand, even more, how much the support of friends and relatives means during our sad times in life, and we want to do whatever we can to help. Maybe that’s one of the blessings of turning 70 this year. We’ve learned a few things in life, and we’re kinder and more caring than we were 52 years ago.

Have a happy New Year filled with special days and many blessings.

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