

News of the Month – July 2012

Class of 1959 – Memorial High School Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

A variety of news has come in from all over this month.

Kathy Laursen White and Jeff White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2012. You can see their picture from the *Leader-Telegram* by going to “What’s New?” and checking the **Bulletin Board** on this website. Congratulations, Kathy and Jeff!

There’s also an article at “What’s New?” about the 75th Reunion of the ECHS Class of 1937. You can find it on the **Bulletin Board**. We thought it would be interesting to everyone, AND it would give our class a goal for the future! The 75th Reunion will happen in 2034 for the Class of 1959...

As you may remember, Patricia Barby Moen died on November 28, 2011, and her name was added to our “Memorials” section on this website. Recently, there was an addition to that obituary published in the *Leader-Telegram*. You can now go to the “Memorials” section and find it with Pat’s photo.

Also, Gayle Bellesbach Hildebrand’s name has been on our Missing Classmates list for some time. Sadly, her sister, Carol Bellesbach Johnson, emailed us this month to let us know that Gayle died on December 29, 2009. We placed Gayle’s name and picture in the “Memorials” section, but we have no further information or an obituary at this time. We send our sympathy to Gayle’s family and friends.

In addition to Gayle’s death, we have some sad news about the siblings of two of our classmates. Mark Atkinson’s sister, Jane (Atkinson) Stone, died on May 30, 2012, in Silverton, Oregon. She is survived by her son, Anthony DeMars, and by her daughter, Sela Vea Valentino. Many of us knew Jane because she was part of the ECMHS Class of 1960. A link to Jane’s obituary is on the **Bulletin Board** in the “What’s New?” section of this website. We send our condolences to Mark and family and to Jane’s family and friends.

And Terry Bell, brother of our classmate, Mike Bell, died on June 13, 2012, in Eau Claire. Many of us knew Terry during our high school years and throughout his life in the Eau Claire community. Terry, who was married to Diane Bell, retired in 2008 due to ill health. A link to Terry’s obituary is on the **Bulletin Board** in the “What’s New?” section of this website. We send our sincere sympathy to Mike and to Diane and to their families and friends. Our thoughts are with you.

The Fourth of July is “Family Time” for many of our classmates. With picnics, ball games, and celebrations of all kinds coming up on our National Holiday, it’s a good time to count our blessings and to think about how fortunate we are to have grown-up in Eau Claire and to have been part of a time in our country’s history that was so meaningful to the growth of our nation and to all of us. Have a wonderful day with lots of good food, fireworks, and fun with the great people in your lives.

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