

News of the Month -- June 2010

Memorial High School Class of 1959

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

Having spent part of Sunday with my two great-nieces (ages 7 and almost 5) and their dad and mom planting Memorial Day flowers at Lakeview Cemetery and then going to my brother-in-law's house, where we planted a memorial garden for my sister, Faye, my mind and my heart are full of beautiful memories of days gone by. One of those memories was enhanced when I went to the Memorial Day Parade in Eau Claire on Monday and watched all the Eau Claire middle and high school bands marching – DeLong Middle School, Northstar Middle School, South Middle School, Memorial High School, North High School, and Regis High School – because it took me back to one of the biggest and best memories we all enjoyed when we were in high school – the Eau Claire Area Band Tournament. I was not in the band, so I could enjoy the whole thing as a spectator standing along Barstow Street when the great bands from towns and cities all over the region came to Eau Claire to perform and compete. It was an exciting event and a special experience to see the bands try so hard and do so well as they vied for top honors. We all felt a great deal of pride, even those of us who weren't in the band, when Eau Claire Senior High School's band was, year-after year, the best. It was an outstanding group, and "Sarge" Boyd was an outstanding leader. But, even as I looked back to our high school days this weekend, I had to look to the future also, because the current Eau Claire school bands are excellent too. One can see the pride shining in their faces as they march. They looked sharp in the Memorial Day Parade, and the streets were lined with area people – clapping and cheering them on. It's nice to know that the young people of today are carrying on some of "our" traditions – honoring our country's defenders; remembering those who have died with flags, flowers, and gratitude; and marching with pride through the streets of downtown Eau Claire. We who grew up in Eau Claire and those who are growing up in Eau Claire now are so blessed.

There are only a few updates this month. Bonnie Bolier Curtis has gone back to her "old" email address. It is bonniec13@sbcglobal.net. Sandra Peters Tank's email address is sandragtank@aol.com. She would be glad to hear from classmates. And Sherry Nicolai Holm is listing her only address at 3883 S. Wickiup Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85119.



Mogie's on the second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. will continue through the summer, so if you're in town, plan to get together with your classmates for food and fun!

I hope you had a great Memorial Day weekend and will have a terrific summer!

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