



# News of the Month – June 2016

## Memorial High School – Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

### June 1, 2016



Dear Classmates,

I'm still receiving some address/information forms from our classmates. Thank you for sending them. It really helps to keep your addresses up-to-date, so that when we send the annual letter we can make sure you receive it and know what's happening with our class members and plans for future get-togethers. Thank you, also, for the money you have donated to our class fund. You really have been wonderful with your responses to our annual snail mail letter, so we are "on our way" to another great reunion in 2019.

The Lismore Hotel has opened in downtown Eau Claire, so I was able to make reservations for our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion during this past month. Sales manager, Rebecca Staats, has the dates for our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion and will help us plan the events for September 13, 14, and 15, 2019. It's good to know that we have those dates saved for us and that we will be located right in the middle of all the great things that are going on in downtown Eau Claire – right on the Four Corners! So, if you haven't already, start saving your money and looking forward to a great time for the next celebration with the Class of 1959!

We received a very nice note from Barbara Bergeson, who is the daughter of our classmate, Janet Poling Bergeson. Barbara said that Janet passed away on October 24, 2015, after a four-year battle with Stage 4 Colon Cancer. Janet fought hard but did not make it, and seventeen days after she died, Janet's husband/Barbara's father, Elton, passed away on November 10, 2015. Barb said, "We lost our parents too soon. It was a very tough thing to go through, but I know she told me to tell you." If you knew Janet during high school or in the years after, perhaps you'd like to send her daughter, Barb, a note. Barb's address is: 108 North Raymond Avenue, Haugen, WI 54841. Our sympathy has been extended as a class and a "thank you" note sent to Barb for her letter to our class has been mailed.

Our sympathy is also being sent to our classmate, Joy Borum, and her husband, Jack Dyer. Their beloved son, Christian Keith Dyer, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack, on May 18, 2016, in Culver City, California. Chris' wife, Vanessa, and their two children survive him.

For many of you who were in the Eau Claire Memorial High School Band and those of us who cheered them on, you might like to know that the Memorial Day Parade down Barstow Street continues each year with all of the Eau Claire high school and middle school bands participating. It's a wonderful parade and brings out almost everyone in Eau Claire. The parade ends at Owen Park and the Sarge Boyd Memorial Bandshell. If you are ever in this area on Memorial Day, I know you'd love it.



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