



News of the Month, June 1, 2017

Memorial High School Class of 1959 Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Dear Classmates,

Most of you know that our annual *Class of 1959 Snail Mail Newsletter* was mailed to you the first week in April. Unfortunately, however, some of the letters were not delivered, because classmates moved and left no forwarding address. If you did not receive the annual newsletter, please let me know, and I will be glad to send one to you. It's hard to keep-up with everyone each year, so if you are a member of the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959, please contact me. At this point, only about half of the questionnaire forms have been returned. Please send your questionnaire to me as soon as possible. We need to know that we have your correct information.

Since John and I have just moved back to our condo, I want to remind you that our address has changed as of May 1, 2017. (We have agreed that we are going to stay here forever, so please make note of our address.) It is: John and Carolyn (Gabrielsen) Barstad
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With much sadness, I have to tell you that during the past month, I have learned that two of our classmates have died. Jerilynn Hanson's niece, Nancy Kullas, was kind enough to email me after she received our class newsletter to let us know that Jerilynn passed away on October 24, 2016. Nancy included the obituary for Jerilynn, and it is on this website. We all knew that Jerilynn was a talented student during our years in high school, and she was, obviously, a very talented and successful person in life, as well. Several classmates also contacted me about Anthony (Tony) Pope's death. As a youth, he was an active member of the Flying Eagles Ski Club in Eau Claire. He married Joan Neff on July 3, 1965, and they have several grandchildren and many family members and friends who will miss his sense of humor and remember him lovingly. Anthony's funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Altoona, Wisconsin, on May 20, 2017.

The 60th Reunion Committee for the Eau Claire Memorial Class of 1959 will meet later this summer to discuss plans for our reunion in 2019. A date for the committee meeting has not yet been decided. However, the meeting will probably take place in late July. Keep an eye on this website, because the information about that meeting will be in the *July Website Newsletter*, and we'd like to have as many classmates as possible at the meeting to discuss all the aspects of the reunion and any concerns or requests that classmates have, so we can make it the very best reunion we've ever had! Meantime, if you have any suggestions or ideas about the 60th Reunion and ways we can make it the best ever, please let me know, so I can start a list of your requests.

Many of you included donations to our class with the information forms that you sent back. Thank you so much for completing the forms and sending them back, plus including a donation to our class to help with our expenses for the 2019 Reunion and the mailing costs for the letters. That was so nice of you. I know we are the best class anywhere, ever, and you continue to prove it – year after year.

Hugs to all of you,
Carolyn

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