

News of the Month – March 2012

Memorial High School Class of 1959



Eau Claire, Wisconsin



March 1, 2012

Dear Classmates,

The annual newsletters for members of the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959 were sent to you by snail mail at the beginning of February. If you have not received your letter, please contact Steve Loken or me, and we will be glad to send one to you. As a result of the newsletters going out, we have received the following address/phone/email updates for class members.

1. Karen Anderson Whitted's email is: KLA54703@charter.net
2. Paul Blom's email is: BlomPaulJ@gmail.com
3. Leslie A. Connell's address is: 6402 – 190th Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729/Telephone:715-726-8981
4. Tom DeMars' telephone number is: 715-835-6326
5. Gene Engelbretson's zip code is: 85378. His email is: engie7@cox.net
6. Kay Furrer's address is: 550 Graham Ave., #204, Eau Claire, WI 54701
7. Sharon Heimstad's telephone number is: 715-832-1541
8. Jim Henderson's address is: 10717 – 100th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
9. Ken Hoepner's telephone number is: 651-430-1533
10. Barbar Jarvar Hopener's telephone number is: 651-430-1533
11. James R. Jensen's address is: 1307 Arlington Street, Marshfield, WI 54449
12. Marilyn Johnson Howard's address is: 414 Doty Street, #7, Eau Claire, WI 54701
13. Craig V. Jones' address is: 2103 Rolling Green Road, Anderson, SC 29621/Telephone: 864-760-0525
14. June Kopplin Galipeau's telephone number is: 310-631-1886. Her cell is: 213-248-6815
15. Kathleen McQuillan Oium's address is: 3105 Vold Court, #4, Janesville, WI 53546
16. Kay Olson Hardy's email is: akHardy@tcc.coop
17. Julie Patton Sorrel's email is: Julie_Sorrel@charter.net
18. Betty Pendergast Bowe's email is: bettybowe@hughes.net. Her cell is: 715-577-7756
19. Janet Poling Bergeson's address is: 1635 Kern Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868
20. Jack Powell's address is: 4614 Brookland Drive, Conway, SC 29526
21. Barbara Preston Rude's address is: 243 Desperado Drive, Custer, SD 57730/Telephone: 605-673-3024
Her email is: nudigsboothill@gwtc.net
22. David Rasmussen's address is: 1516 CR 313 SPUR, Glen Rose, TX 76043/Telephone: 715-571-8608
His email is: fdrasmussen40@yahoo.com
23. Jerry Sather's address is: 278 W. Chase Street, Hernando, FL 34442
24. Shirley Smith Dahl's address is: 10082 Pilgrim Way, N; Maple Grove, MN 55369
25. Lloyd (Smokie) Sorenson's email is: gsabbykitty@gmail.com. His cell phone is: 641-425-2039
26. Dorothy Sorlie's email address is: sorlie.urness@gmail.com
27. Ron Spehle's telephone number is: 715-832-4527
28. Steve Stolp's email is: shstolp@att.net
29. Gary Thompson's email is: gtbus@comcast.net
30. Sharon Vorce Hanson's email is: jlsk2@frontier.com
31. Jack Wendt's address is: 10215 – 26th Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703

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We have also received some sad news since the annual letter was mailed. (As you read this information, you will want to go to the "What's New?" section on this website to read the obituaries for the people who have died.)

A family member called to tell us that our classmate, Sharon Holbrook Cain (Mrs. John R. Cain), died on March 28, 2010. Sharon's husband died less than a year later on February 19, 2011. We really appreciate the call from her family and extend our sincere sympathy to Sharon's children and grandchildren.

Another couple with ties to our class also died recently, within a short time of each other. Kathryn (Hanson) Lindbo, the sister of our classmate, David Hanson, and Michael Lindbo, the brother of our classmate, Tom Lindbo, both died recently. Kathryn and Michael grew up in Eau Claire, married, and moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they lived for many years. Kathryn died on December 3, 2011, and Michael died on January 19, 2012. We send our condolences and sympathy to our classmates, Dave and Tom, and to their families at this sad time.

Our classmate, Barbara Pendergast Thompson, also lost a brother recently. James T. Pendergast died on February 3, 2012, in Texas. Our siblings are such an important part of our lives, and it is so hard to live life without them as the years go by. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Barb and her husband, Doug.

And, Thelma Kolve, mother of our classmate, Rod Kolve, who died on April 29, 2011, also died this month. Mrs. Kolve died on February 23, 2012. Since some of Rod's close friends probably knew her as you were growing up, we thought you'd want to know. We extend our sympathy to the Kolve family.

We also offer our sympathy to our classmate, Dale Potts, and his wife, Arlene Vogler Potts, on the death of Arlene's mother, Ada Vogler, on February 25, 2012. Our thoughts are with you and with your family members.

When the annual letter was mailed, the following people were on the list of classmates who had died, but we did not know the dates of death for them. We have since learned that Eugene Gunderson died on December 18, 1992. Arleen Morse Hughes died on December 5, 2001. And Vivian Tollefson Lane died in February 1977.



You can tell from this website newsletter that there has been a great deal of information coming in as a result of the annual class letter that is mailed to all members of the ECMHS Class of 1959 each year. Thank you, everyone, who has sent your address update form back! It helps the Class Reunion Committee tremendously when you return it. But, so far, only about one-fourth of our class members have returned the form. That's right. We have had about 100 forms sent to us so far, and we should have close to 400 forms coming in. **So, if you have not returned your address update form yet, please do so now!** You are an important part of the Class of 1959! We hope you're planning to be at the 55th Reunion on September 12, 13, & 14, 2014. So, stay in touch, and please return your completed form.



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