

News of the Month -- November 2009

Memorial High School Class of 1959

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

The month of November is dedicated to Thanksgiving in the United States, and the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959 has outdone itself again – in giving “thanks” in so many ways. You have sent notes, letters, emails, comments on the registration forms, and telephone calls to let the 50th Reunion Committee members know how grateful you are for the efforts made to organize and fulfill the promises of a terrific 50th Reunion. All the people on the committee appreciate your communications, and everyone is happy that things turned out well. Thank you very much.

But that’s not the only outstanding way that our classmates have shown their gratitude for the blessings we have had in our lives. While preparing the 50th Reunion Book to send to members of our class, it has been my pleasure to have read every single word that all of our classmates sent to have included in the book. I am humbled and awed by the number of people in our class who expressed “thankfulness” and appreciation for the good lives and many blessings they have had – even if they have suffered tragedies and grief in the fifty years since we graduated from high school. The vast majority of the people who sent their autobiographies and/or updates about the last five years expressed their gratitude for having a good life. Some of their comments will be included in the 50th Reunion Book; some of them will not because of limited space. But I want you to know that there was no one who complained about adversity or indicated any kind of dissatisfaction with the hand that had been dealt to him/her in life. I’ve always known that we have a very special group of people in the Class of 1959, but this experience really brought it “front and center.” YOU are the greatest!

And that’s true in many ways. As I’ve read your autobiographies and five-year updates, I’ve been impressed with what interesting, amazing, outstanding lives my classmates have led. Many people from the Class of 1959 have made a difference in the lives of others through their job choices, through volunteering, through helping our country in military service, and through caring about others. All these things make me proud to be part of this group, and on Thanksgiving Day 2009, I will think about how grateful I am to be a member of the ECMHS Class of 1959.

Your 50th Reunion Books should be ready to mail by the second week of November. It has taken a little longer than we figured because many classmates were so great about sending current photos and autobiographies. We are so glad, and we think you’ll feel that it’s worth the wait. There will be a short questionnaire enclosed with the book for you to complete. Those who did not order the book will receive the questionnaire in the mail also. Please send it back ASAP so that you don’t forget. It will make a difference in planning for the 55th Reunion in 2014!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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