

News of the Month -- November 2010

Memorial High School Class of 1959



Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

As November begins I start to look forward to Thanksgiving, and I think about the many blessings I've received throughout the past year. In fact, I was examining the list in my head the other day when I realized that one of the best blessings on the list is re-connecting with so many ECMHS 1959 classmates over the last seven or eight years. I have to admit that I wondered what I was getting into when I agreed to work on the 45th Reunion and, then, the 50th Reunion. Now I know. It has all been a great gift. Renewing friendships with so many wonderful people and being able to be in contact with one classmate or another almost every day throughout the year is terrific. We've all gone our separate ways in life, but as we have gotten older, it seems as though we have come back together as better people, ready to accept each other for who we really are, and wanting to spend time together – remembering our young selves, talking about our life adventures, and ready to face our 70th birthdays with humor and understanding. You have all made my life much richer; I am so grateful to know you, to be part of the Class of 1959, and to count you as one of my best blessings in life. Thank you.

And now, some news about our classmates...

There is one address change this month. Classmate, Jim Hagen, and his wife, Judy, have moved to 319 Bloomhill Place, Magnolia, TX 77354.

There is one email change this month. Classmate, Steve Stolp, is now at: shstolp@att.net.

Congratulations to our classmate, Clarice Books Hauser, and her husband, Philip, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on October 23, 2010. You will find a picture and an article on the "Bulletin Board" this month.

There's also a picture of classmate, Paul Anderson, on the "Bulletin Board" this month. He was a batboy in 1953 for an Eau Claire baseball team, and the photo was in the "Picturing Our Past" section of the *Leader-Telegram* recently. He hasn't changed a bit. You'll be able to pick him out easily!

Sadly, one of our classmates passed on this month. Dave Rude died on October 10, 2010. His picture and obituary have been added to the "Memorial" section of the website. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to his wife, and our classmate, Barbara Preston Rude, in Hot Springs, SD.

Patricia Barnes Benevides, sister of our classmate, Richard Barnes, died on October 3, 2010. And Dennis Jorgensen, brother of classmate, Keith Jorgensen; brother-in-law of classmate, Karen Zutter Jorgensen; and brother of Karen's husband, Jerry Jorgensen, died on August 14, 2010. Please see the "Bulletin Board" for the obituaries. We extend our sympathy to the families.

Warm Wishes at Thanksgiving,
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