

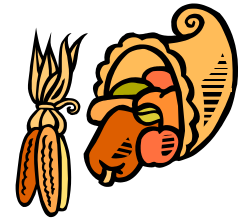
# NEWS OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2012

## CLASS OF 1959 – MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

### EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN



November 1, 2012



Dear Classmates,

With all the changes in the weather this month, it seems as though there are a lot of other changes happening in the lives of our class members also.

Several people have sent in changes to email addresses and phone numbers. They are:

Clarice Books Hauser's email address is: [pootsie1@centurytel.net](mailto:pootsie1@centurytel.net).

Janet Quick Sellers' email address is: [jannyjan41@gmail.com](mailto:jannyjan41@gmail.com).

Vic Rebeck's telephone number is: 808-640-2053.

Lois Freeman called to help update our class records. She learned that our classmate, Mary Louise Monroe Schmaltz, died on December 15, 2002, in Pensacola, Florida. Mary was on our list of *Missing Classmates* and a relative of Lois Freeman's. We send our sympathy to Lois and her family.

We also send our sympathy to our classmate, Veronica Stafsholt Card, whose brother, Duane Stafsholt, died on October 3, 2012. You are in our thoughts at this sad time.

And Jim Hagen was in Eau Claire during October for the funeral of his mother, Leona VandenBroek. Jim's mother died on October 10, 2012, at the age of 103. There's a message on the website to our class from Jim. While he was in town, he tried to get to the Mogie's lunch, but he missed it by about an hour. That's too bad. It would have been good to see you, Jim, and to give you a hug and extend our sympathy in person. We send our caring thoughts to you and your family.

Two of our classmates celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries during the past month. Our classmate, Sharon Leskinen Miller, and her husband, Bill, hosted a big 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with their children and grandchildren at their home on September 22, 2012. Classmate and friend, Laurel Olson Schilling, made a beautiful commemorative book for their anniversary, which Sharon brought to the October Mogie's lunch. You can see the book and some of the photos from it on this website by going to *What's New?* and following the link to "Family and Friends." A big "Congratulations!" to Sharon and Bill for fifty great years.

Another classmate, Mary Catlin Giammona, and her husband, Joe, fulfilled a life-long dream for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in October and traveled to Italy to celebrate the event. Many of their family members went with them, and they had a wonderful time. The day after their return to Eau Claire, however, Joe's mother, Lois Giammona, became ill and died shortly after. Mary said that they were so grateful she waited for them to get back, so they could share that last journey with her. And so we send, not only, "Congratulations!" to Mary and Joe, but also, our sympathy to you and your family.

Since it's so near Thanksgiving, I can't pass up this chance to tell you how thankful I am to be part of the Class of 1959. It's great to be in my 70's and have friends who remember Roy Rogers, five cent root beers, and Fournier's. Life is good if you're part of the Class of 1959.

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