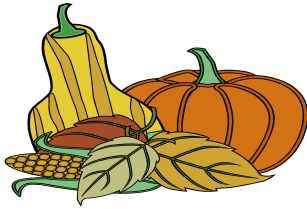


# News of the Month - November 2013

## Class of 1959 - Memorial High School

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin



November 1, 2013



Dear Classmates,

The 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the Mill Ridge Community Center at 2:00 p.m. The group will be making some major decisions about the events for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, which will take place on September 12, 13, & 14, 2014. In order to put on a really great reunion, the committee needs more class members to volunteer to work with the group. If you can possibly help in any way to make the reunion a success – either by working on **the committee to get ready for the reunion** or by working at **events during the reunion**, please contact me as soon as possible or just show up at the meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Mill Ridge Community Center is located in Eau Claire at the Mill Ridge Estates Condominiums, which are on Kane Road between Folsom Street and Highway 312 – near Mill Run and Wild Ridge Golf Courses. Drive straight ahead when you enter the condominium complex. The Community Center will be directly in front of you. We hope to see you there, so we can make the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion the **Best One Ever!**

We have lost another classmate during the past month. Barbara Pendergast Thompson died on October 8, 2013, in Eau Claire. Barb was married to Doug Thompson for over fifty years and loved being a mom and grandmother to her three children and six grandchildren. You can read her obituary by going to “What’s New?” on this website. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to her family. Sadly, with Barb’s death, we now have 116 classmates who have died since we graduated from high school in 1959.

In addition to Barb’s death, the wives of two of our classmates died during the past month also. Jane Ellen Cronkhite, who was married to our classmate, Don Cronkhite, died on October 12, 2013, in Eau Claire. (Many of you will remember that Don died shortly after we graduated from high school when he was parachuting near Chippewa Falls.) Jane was employed at several places during her career. They included the Big Steer Restaurant, National Presto, and Cray. And, on October 26, 2013, Elaine Winrich, wife of our classmate, Deryl E. Winrich, died in Eau Claire. Elaine and Deryl lived in many different states during their marriage, because Deryl was employed by the U.S. Civil Service during his career, but they came back to Wisconsin in 1987. We send our caring thoughts and sympathy to the families of Jane and Elaine at this sad time. The obituaries for both women are also available on our website by going to “What’s New?”

Speaking of our class website... Have you noticed how many people have visited the home page of the Class of 1959 website at this point? If not, you might want to go back to the home page for this website and take a look at that number. We can all thank Steve Loken for giving us access to our website and making sure it is regularly updated and looks terrific. Thanks, Steve!

Our monthly Class of 1959 Lunch will be at The Farm Restaurant at the Eau Claire Airport on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. Hopefully, we’ll have a big turn-out to enjoy being together and celebrating this Thanksgiving month with friends and classmates who have been part of our lives for almost 55 years. We are so fortunate to be part of such a great class. It really is one of life’s true blessings.

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