

News of the Month - October 2010

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School



Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

Our news this month is a real mixture – some happiness, some sadness, and some things to think about. Indeed, as all of us begin to look forward to our 70th birthdays, we have, certainly, learned through the years that life is made up of all these aspects.

Recently, an article and pictures were in the *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our classmate, Darlene Kelly Kaul and her husband, Tom Kaul. It was lovely to see their wedding photo accompanied by their 50th Anniversary photo. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you! (Please go to the heading on this website marked *Other Stuff*, and click on “Bulletin Board” to see the happy couple.)

Of course, there will be many more 50th wedding anniversary parties for other classmates in the years ahead. We’d like to keep up with all of them, so if that special event is coming up in your life, please notify Steve Loken or me, and let us know if there will be a picture in your local paper -- or send us one. We’ll be glad to put it on the “Bulletin Board,” and we will send lots of good wishes your way! (Please indicate the original last name of the bride! Remember, it’s been 50 years, and we might not recognize you.)

There is also some sad news to report this month. Our former classmate, Gerald Biesterveld, died on June 5, 2010. Jerry was born on July 13, 1941. Private family services were held in Chippewa Falls.

If you’ve looked at *Other Stuff* on this website and clicked on “Lunch at Mogie’s” now and then to look at the photos, you know that the Class of 1959 is still getting together on the second Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at Mogie’s on Water Street. Of course, there are “regulars” and “not-so-regulars” from the Eau Claire area there each month, but, often, there are visitors from out-of-town also. For instance, some recent “summer visitors” have been: Marcia Olson Hamilton, Frannie Larson Kelly, Karen Garton Miller, Steve Stolp, Steve Loken, Roger Beede, and Lynne Nelson Beede. So, whether you’re from the Eau Claire area or from other parts of the world now, circle the second Thursday of the month, and try to make it “home” for a fun reunion with lots of friends. It’s really great to spend time with people our age who have the same memories and who laugh at the same jokes. There is no doubt, you will feel the warmth, and you will have a good time.

Due to a number of requests, we’re having more copies of the 50th Reunion Book printed. If you did not get one right after the reunion and still want one, please send me a check for \$20.00 ASAP. I will mail a book to you.

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