

News of the Month - October 2012

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

Last night, I started thinking about all of the things that have happened to the members of our class since we finished high school in 1959. Most of us went on to a variety of endeavors and are, now, retired. Some are still working. Many married, have children, and grandchildren, and, even, great-grandchildren. A number of classmates moved from the area after high school. Others stayed in Eau Claire forever. Parents, spouses, siblings, and children have been part of most of our lives. Through the years, some classmates have developed serious illnesses. Some have died. Life has taken a winding path for all of us, and each of us has had some “ups” and “downs.” I was thinking about all of that as I went to sleep last night.

It never occurred to me that my brain would continue to work on that idea throughout the night, so, imagine my surprise when I awakened to a song running through my head this morning! It was, *Turn! Turn! Turn! – To Everything There is a Season* by The Byrds. Actually, the lyrics came from Ecclesiastes 3, and it became popular from the *Forest Gump* soundtrack, but I didn't know that when I woke up and heard it in my head! I was so startled that I jumped out of bed and went right to the computer to try to find some information about it. The song was exactly what I was thinking about our class. You might want to find it on your computer. It says so much about our lives and the Class of 1959. Amazing!!

There is a very happy picture of Fred and Janet (Garlie) Turk on the class website this month. Their 50th Anniversary was on April 14, 2012, and they celebrated it this summer with a gathering at their home. Congratulations to both of you!

And Karen Garton Miller was in Eau Claire in September for the funeral of her brother, Gary L. Garton, who died on September 5, 2012. It was good to see Karen and be able to give her a hug, but it was sad to know that she has now lost Gary, in addition to her other brother, Kenny, who died many years ago.

We send our sincere sympathy to Karen and her family.

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