

News of the Month – October 2017

Memorial High School – Class of 1959

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

Last weekend I went to an Eau Claire North High School vs. Eau Claire Memorial High School football game at Carson Park on Friday night. And tonight, I'm just back from a volleyball game at Northstar Middle School where they challenged South Middle School in the gym. In addition, I was at DeLong Middle School when Northstar played volleyball there last week. All of the events have been exciting and fun to attend. However, they are a little different than when we were in school. Eau Claire has grown during the years, and things have changed a bit. It took me an hour to get out of the Carson Park parking lot on Friday night, because there were so many people at the game. And, tonight, there were a lot of parents and friends watching the games at Northstar and cheering on the volleyball teams too. It's fun to see all of the activities at the schools and all of the parents, students, teachers, and friends who are a part of the activity and the excitement. How great for Eau Claire and all the young people who are growing up here now!

Many of our classmates seem to be involved in a number of volunteer activities as we have gotten older. Are you one of them? It seems to me that it would be interesting to learn about what all of our classmates are doing as volunteers in different organizations, at our age, throughout the world. If you are doing some volunteering, would you email me and let me know what volunteer work you are doing? I'd like to publish a list of classmates and their volunteer activities for our website. At our age, I'm guessing we'd have quite a varied list!

After several years of illness, Karen Garton Miller's husband, Ralph Thomas Miller, died on September 9, 2017. Visitation was on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at Community Covenant Church in Lenexa, Kansas, with the service following. Ralph was a wonderful man who traveled to Eau Claire with Karen on many occasions through the years and was always so kind and caring as he attended class lunches and class reunions. Karen and Ralph were married on September 3, 1965, and celebrated over fifty years together. We send out sympathy and love to Karen and her family at this sad time.

If you have not updated your address with the ECMHS Class of 1959 recently and have moved during the past year, please send an update to me to make sure you receive class mailings.

We hope you already have the dates for our 60th Reunion on your calendar. If not, please add them: September 13, 14, & 15, 2019.

Have a great month and a Happy Halloween!

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