

News of the Month - September 2010

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School



Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

As suggested in the August website newsletter, we will be seeing many changes in the lives of our classmates during the coming years. Several have encountered some sad changes during the past month. We send our sympathy to the following families.

Harry W. McCartney, husband of our classmate, Marge Lee McCartney, died on Friday, August 20, 2010, after a very short illness. His obituary and further information are on the class website Bulletin Board. Marge's address is: W4230 County Road Z, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Also, Marion E. Loken, mother of our classmate, Lynn Loken, died on Friday, July 30, 2010, in Loveland, Colorado, where she had lived since 1988. Her obituary and further information are on the class website Bulletin Board. Lynn's address is: 5395 Fox Hollow Court, Loveland, CO 80537.



And, Alice M. Johnson, mother-in-law of our classmate, Steve Stolp, died Thursday, August 19, 2010. Mrs. Johnson is the mother of Steve's wife, Mary Lou Johnson, whom many of you know from the Class of 1960 at ECMHS. Mrs. Johnson's obituary and further information are on the class website Bulletin Board. Steve and Mary Lou will be staying in Eau Claire for at least a month following the funeral. Their home address is: 30 Knighton Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715.

In addition, you might like to know that some of our classmates went to the memorial program for Jean Loken, wife of our class webmaster, Steve Loken, on Sunday, August 29, 2010, at Dakota Lodge, within Thompson Park, in West St. Paul, MN. It was a beautiful tribute to a brave and lovely woman. The program was MC'd by Jean's cardiologist/nurse, Michael Petty, who explained that, in 1995, Jean made medical history by becoming the first Minnesotan to receive a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) to sustain her for three months until she received a heart transplant. However, she would not have gotten the LVAD if Steve and his mother-in-law had not gone to the corporate offices of their insurance company to plead Jean's case. They helped make the surgery possible. Mr. Petty said the cardiology department personnel have used Jean and Steve as outstanding examples for many of their patients throughout the past fifteen years. What a story! What a brave couple! After Jean received Heart #315 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, she and Steve volunteered in Second Chance for Life, a support group for transplant patients and their families and at LifeSource, the organ procurement organization for the Upper Midwest. Jean lived with her heart transplant for fifteen years and died on July 17, 2010. Her obituary is on the class website Bulletin Board.

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