

News of the Month - September 2012

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

Two years from this month, on September 12, 13, and 14, 2014, we will be getting together for our 55th Class Reunion. It's hard to believe our last reunion was three years ago, and time is going by as fast as it is, so this reminder is for all of you. Be sure to save the whole weekend for our celebration. We want to see you there!

One celebration, that took place for the Class of 1959 in August of this year, was having a record crowd of members of our class at the monthly "Lunch at Mogie's" on August 9, 2012. Twenty-six people were counted that day, and some say there were even a few more than that! Everyone had a great time and saw a number of people at lunch from out-of-town. The "out-of-towners" said they made it a point to plan their trips to Eau Claire, so they could be at Mogie's on the second Thursday of the month. We encourage all of our classmates to do the same. Remember, the monthly lunches are at 1:00 p.m., at Mogie's on Water Street, on the second Thursday of the month. Everyone is always welcome!

Another celebration that took place in August was the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our classmate, Jane (Panzer) Syverson, and her husband, Dan Syverson, on August 19, 2012. The event was hosted by their children. We send them hearty "Congratulations!" How wonderful to have such a happy event!

All events were not happy during August, however, as two of our classmates' families lost loved ones. Winifred Close, the mother of our classmate, Jane Close Christoffersen, died on August 2, 2012. Mrs. Close was active in many organizations in Eau Claire through the years with her church, with civic groups, and with many youth activities. We send our sincere condolences and warm thoughts to Jane and her family.

Also, James Richard McGrath, the nephew of our classmate, James C. McGrath, died on August 6, 2012, of brain cancer. Jim's nephew had been battling the disease for five years, and Jim had been a "very special person" in his nephew's life through it all, so it is with sadness and caring thoughts that we send our sympathy to our classmate at this time.



We invite you to find more information about the current news for the Class of 1959 by looking further on this website.

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