

50 Years of Memories

1961 – 2011

Leslie Adams

*The halls are now empty but the
memories will linger on . . .*



*Ritzville High School
Graduating 2777 students from
1911 - 1982*

*We dedicate this book to our classmates who
have passed before us but are not forgotten.*



Richard Mitchell Allert

October 22, 1943 – April 5, 1996



Mitch Allert, 52, died suddenly of natural causes April 5 at his home in Palo Alto, CA.

Mitch was born October 22, 1943, in Washington, DC, the first son of Richard and Marjorie Allert. When his father returned from the Philippines and was discharged from the Air Corps in 1947, the family moved to the Allert farm at Benge.

He attended school in Benge until the family moved to Ritzville in 1955. He graduated from Ritzville High School in 1961.

He then attended CWU in Ellensburg. It was there he met his future wife, Carol Ann Galas of Kauai, HI. They were married December 29, 1962.

He joined the Air Force shortly after his marriage and served in the Vietnam Conflict. He received the Air Medal for bravery for disarming a bomb that was hanging loose from a plane as it landed. Following his discharge from the service, he enrolled at WSU and graduated with two degrees in 1971.

He was employed by the Trane Company in San Francisco, CA, but soon became interested in real estate, which was his profession at the time of his death.

He is survived by his son, Kip Allert of San Francisco, CA; his mother, Marjorie Allert of Ritzville; and two brothers, Gerry Allert of Ritzville and Leslie Allert of Cusick.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and by his father, Richard Allert.

Memorial services of the celebration of his life were held in Palo Alto, CA on April 14. A second memorial service was held at Mitch's ranch at Eagle Point, OR, the weekend of April 20.



Donna Kessler Galbreath

February 16, 1943 - January 7, 2009



Donna passed away peacefully on January 7, 2009 in Spokane.

She was a lifelong resident of Ritzville. Donna was preceded in death by her father Herman Kessler; her mother Emma (Mann) Kessler; and her sister Elaine Seilaff. She is survived by three children, Greg Galbreath, Amy (Don) Van Lierop, Clete (Laura) Galbreath; her grandchildren Christopher, Brady, Hallie Jo, Jace, Reece, Bryce, Collin, Georgia and Hank; her sister Joanne (Virgil) McCrady; and her brother Leroy (Judy) Kessler.

Donna is most remembered for her dedication to the Lord, her praying spirit, kindness, generosity and ability to celebrate the simple things in life. She was a loving mother and a fun and caring grandmother, whose spirit of strength and support will be missed by her family and friends.

Donna's family wishes to express how deeply grateful they are to her very special caregiver and sister in Christ, Amy (Stromberger) Galbreath. A memorial service in Donna's honor was held January 16, 2009 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ritzville. Inurnment was at Ritzville Memorial Cemetery.



Van Kaname Matsushita

August 7, 1943 – February 14, 2005



A funeral was held on March 12, 2005 at the Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland for Van Kaname Matsushita, who died February 14 at age 61. He is survived by his mother, Jane Groat; and brothers, Richard, Theodore, Roy and Paul.

Van was born August 7, 1943 in Hunt, ID. He was interned until the age of 2 in Minidoka, ID. He later lived in Lamont and Ritzville.

He served in the Army. A graduate of Eastern Washington College, he held several accounting jobs, including several years with H & R Block, and lived in Spokane before moving to Portland in 1998.



William Richmond

March 2, 1943 – August 24, 2009



William "Bill" Richmond, 66, passed away August 24, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV.

He was born March 2, 1943 in LaGrande, OR. He grew up in Ritzville and graduated from Ritzville High School in 1961. His parents, Margaret and Jack, owned and operated the R & H Market in Ritzville.

For the past 25 years, he had resided in Las Vegas, NV., where he was a heavy equipment broker and owner of Eagle Trux Ltd.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack; mother, Margaret; infant son, James; and infant daughter, Pamela.

Bill is survived by his "better half" Joanne Clawson; son Jeff; daughter, Kim (Scott) Zabriskie and Shawna (Thomas) Perez; five grandchildren; brother, Tom of Goodyear, AZ; nephews, Marshall and Aaron Richmond; and several cousins.

There was a celebration of his September 12 in Las Vegas, NV.



LoAve Miller Longest

July 18, 1943 – May 12, 2002



LoAve Longest was born on July 18, 1943 in Ritzville to Clarence and Dora Glenn Miller. She had recently retired from a long career as a medical receptionist.

She loved bowling and was very active in the local Women's Bowling Association.

LoAve passed away on May 12, 2002 at her home in Bishop, CA after a short battle with cancer. She was buried in the East Line Cemetery in Bishop.

LoAve was survived by her husband, Bill Longest; daughter, Tami (John) Plank; daughter, Kelly (Kenny) Salais; daughter, Wendy (Damon) Carrington; son, Kenneth "Rowdy" Martin; grandchildren, Ryan and Alysha Carrington and Kelsea and Kyle Salais; sisters, Rhea Schroeder and Letha Attebery; and numerous other family members.



Mary Frances Lenhart Scribner

August 4, 1943 – July 5, 2006



Mary passed away July 5, 2006 after she lost a courageous battle to cancer. Daughter of Alven and Frances Lenhart. Mary was born on August 4, 1943 in Spokane, WA. She graduated from Ritzville High School in 1961 and attended Eastern Washington University and Kinman Business College in Spokane.

Mary is survived by her husband, Thomas Scribner of Deer Park, WA; mother Frances Lenhart of Ritzville, WA; sister Vicki and husband Murray Stopherd of Tacoma, WA; son Kelly Braun and grandson Zachary of Spokane; daughter Molly and husband Ron Crawford of Mead, WA; son Daniel and wife Tina Race and grandsons Taylor, Jayson and Isaiah of Spokane; niece Alissa Stopherd of Spokane; nephew Andrew and wife Brooke Stopherd of Issaquah, WA; nephew Nicholas Stopherd of Tacoma, WA; stepdaughter Susan Scribner and step-grandchildren, Kaylee and Jordan of Lakewood, WA; stepson Kenny and wife Diane Scribner and step-grandchildren Casey and Leo of Red Springs, NC; and several cousins.

Mary enjoyed humor, her family, music, dancing and playing cards. She volunteered her time as treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in Deer Park. She is dearly missed by her friends and loving family. Memorial Services were held July 15 at the Zion Philadelphia United Church of Christ in Ritzville.



John Oestreich

November 5, 1942 – November 5, 2004



John H. Oestreich, age 62, died November 5 from conditions relating to his heart on his 62nd birthday in the Adams House apartment in Ritzville.

John was born to Roy and Marie (Lakin) Oestreich, November 5, 1942 in Portland, OR. He graduated from Ritzville High School in 1961. He attended WSU; Ambassador College in Pasadena, CA; Big Sandy, TX; and Columbia Basin College, Pasco.

He worked a number of years as a welder at Hanford before moving back to Ritzville in 1983.

Through his business, East Empire Enterprises, he was a custodian at the Adams County Courthouse and Ritzville Library. He also did landscaping work.

Surviving are his sisters, Joan (Marvin) Schwisow, and Mary Pickens, all of Ritzville, and Jean (William) Galbraith, of Yakima; nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and friends.

According to John's wishes there was no funeral. A celebration of life was held at a later date. John was interned at the Ritzville Memorial Cemetery.



Sandra Grewell Swanson

Jan 10 1942 - July 20, 2009



Following graduation from Ritzville High School, Sandra attended Deaconess Nursing School and became a Registered Nurse. She worked as a Surgical nurse at Northwest Hospital in Seattle until 1971. While in Seattle, she met and married Fred Swanson (they divorced in 1987), and they had two daughters: Gretchen, born in 1971, and Karyn, born in 1975.

The family moved from Mountlake Terrace to Ravensdale, WA, in mid-1976. Sandra's love of music and keyboard skills led her to become the church organist at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran church in Maple Valley for a couple of years, and then she moved to the organist position at St. Barbara's Catholic Church in nearby Black Diamond, WA. She served as the St. Barbara organist until 1998. She also served as the Tacoma School District Nurse for a number of years, managing the health needs of Maple Valley's children and leading a generation of local school kids to call her "Mom".

Sandra suffered a major stroke in early October 1998, which left her without the use of the left side of her body. Even after her stroke, she never lost her love of classical music, crossword puzzles, and Peanut Butter Twix candies, and she delighted in showing off pictures of her family to all her friends. She was moved in to the Issaquah Care Center shortly after her stroke, and she moved to the Life Care Center of West Seattle after a few years. When her daughter Karyn moved to Montana in Spring 2007, Sandra moved with her, spending her final 2 years at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She passed away quietly on July 20, 2009, with her daughter Karyn and son-in-law Scott at her side.

Sandra is survived by her daughter Gretchen, a U.S. Navy Commander and helicopter pilot; her daughter Karyn, a stay-at-home Mom and Account Manager for the O'Connor Consulting Group; her grandsons Brendan (born July 2005) and Jordan (born February 2009); and her granddaughter Katherine (born August 2009). Sandra's ashes were scattered Memorial Day weekend, 2010, at Depoe Bay, OR, where the ashes of her parents and brother were also scattered.

*After the clouds, the Sunshine,
After the Winter, the Spring
After the shower, the Rainbow
For life is a changeable thing.*

*After the Night, the Morning,
Bidding all darkness cease.
After life's Cares and Troubles
The Comfort and Sweetness
Of Peace.*

-Unknown



MUSINGS



We have witnessed many changes during our lifetime. There have been historical, social and technical changes made that the world has struggled with for a long time. But now the Class of 1961 can look back with pride on all we've accomplished and look forward with excitement to all the adventures ahead. We can relax and enjoy ourselves. We've earned it.

Some of the note worthy events of our lifetime include the classmates of 1961 all being born during WWII. Some of us still have ration stamps saved for us by our parents and can remember the stories of the bombing of Hiroshima. Shortly thereafter, we became the first first graders in the new Evergreen Grade School. There are 25 of those first graders that lived in Ritzville and graduated together 12 years later. In 1961, while we were graduating, the Berlin Wall was being built, and Alan Shepard was the first man in space. Also, President Obama was born in 1961. In 1963, we were shocked to witness the assassination of President Kennedy, and the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King in 1969. Many of us sat outside looking at the moon in 1969 to see if we could see Neil Armstrong make his "one step for mankind." We sent our classmates, husbands, brothers, along with friends and family to Viet Nam and prayed for a quick end to the war. In 1979, we were stunned to be paying gas prices topping \$1.00 a gallon during the energy crisis. In 1980, we witnessed nature's power when Mt. St. Helens erupted and covered Ritzville in a thick blanket of ash. This precipitated only the second cancelling of the annual RHS Alumni Banquet; the first time was during WWII. The first Apple computer went on sale in 1984. Since we saw the Berlin Wall go up it only seemed right to see it come down in 1989. At this time the Soviet Union dissolved into many separate countries. In 1995, a science textbook became the first item to be sold on a newly opened website called Amazon.com. In 2000, we survived the expensive scare of the computer crises when we moved into the 21st Century. Our sense of security was shattered on September 11, 2001 with the terrorist attack on our homeland. This act found us sending our sons and daughters to Iraq to fight yet another war, and once again we are praying for their safe return.

Through it all, the Class of 1961 has now come back together to reminisce and enjoy the times we have had together; to share our triumphs, laugh at our failures, and catch up on the things we've missed or forgotten. Once again, we will be strengthening the bonds that our class forged years ago and will continue to uphold in the future.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why they call it the present". - Eleanor Roosevelt.

Class Motto

Success Awaits at Labor's Gate

Class Colors

Grey and Royal Blue

Class Flower

Pink Carnation

Class Song

1: White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation

2: Memories are Made of This





*My class reunion's coming, it sure will be lots of fun.
But... my weight and chin have doubled, since the year of '61
I look into the mirror and... Good Grief!.... How can this be?
Gray hair, false teeth, thick glasses... It's my mother's face I see!
But I head out to the party, no sense moping I decide.
I'll just have to grin and bear it. (But I'm dying deep inside.)
Then I walk into the banquet hall and stop. There's some mistake.
Not a single classmate do I find, did I confuse the date?
Still, the faces seem familiar, but, now I must confess.
They ARE all my classmates, from good old R.H.S.*



Richard's story . . .

After graduation from Ritzville High, I attended the University of Washington where I earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1965. Then I headed for California to start my high technology business career and to attend graduate school at Stanford, where I earned an M.S. in 1968 and an MBA in 1973.

I stayed with my first company for about five years, then was fortunate to be recruited as the CEO of a young high tech start up when I was 32. My first week on the job, I met the wonderful lady, Lou, who became my wife eight years later. We lived in the San Francisco Bay area for many years, built a second home in Lake Tahoe, and eventually moved to Del Mar, CA, a small town immediately north of San Diego.

My career led to five different CEO stints building, selling, and/or taking public high technology businesses. I've had a lot of fun recruiting and managing great teams of people to build these businesses. My jobs involved extensive travel, so I've been fortunate to have been almost everywhere in the world where high technology products are being built or sold.

We were never lucky enough to have our own kids, so we've enjoyed our nieces and nephews who visit often to enjoy our seaside spot with us. Our two golden retrievers, Jake and Maggie, keep us responsible, as they don't ever let us forget when it's time to walk them or feed them.

I retired from the high technology business about seven years ago, although I continue to serve on the board of one company, and I volunteer my time mentoring management teams of younger, growing businesses. Since retirement, I've bought, redeveloped, and resold a number of apartment complexes, all located in the Phoenix area. This business has been very good to us, although the real estate downturn of the last two years has brought with it its share of challenges.

After Lou retired from her career, she became very active in several volunteer organizations in the San Diego area. This has kept her busy and has given us the opportunity of meeting many great people.

Both of us have been active in our golf club. We are members of a group of about 50 golfing couples that travels twice each year to interesting destinations throughout the U.S. Last year's trips were to the Big Island, Hawaii, and to Incline Village, Nevada.

Shortly after Lou and I were married, I convinced her (somehow) that it would be a good idea for me to get my pilot's license and buy an airplane. That helped us commute back and forth to our Lake Tahoe home and then between San Diego and Phoenix for our apartment redevelopment business. That first plane grew by steps to bigger and faster models. After piloting ourselves around for 25 years, we recently sold our plane. Although flying Southwest is somewhat less convenient, our checkbook is much happier.

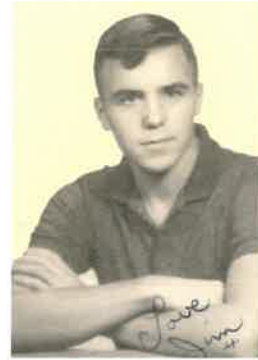
I'm very lucky to have two living parents, although their health has been suffering recently. As a result, we've been making regular trips to Spokane, where Dad at 98 and Mom at 92 live at the Rockwood Retirement Center.

We're excited to see everyone at the reunion!

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Jim's story . . .

While taking a day off today, I realized that the 2/15 deadline is upon me.

I actually continue to work full time; currently as a general contractor, consultant and a construction specialist for Las Cumbres Observatory in Santa Barbara. This for the past 4.5 years. Google for an interesting description of our amazing project.

I taught elementary school in Connell and Edmonds for 17 years. Coached an age group track club during the 70's, and directed the Western WA Jr. Olympic program for some of those years. Served as teacher, coach, and athletic director at the Over Lake School in Redmond from '80 - '84.

I left teaching for construction in '84 and moved to Santa Barbara in 1990. I have had a very interesting career in SB including remodels of luxury homes, bank lobbies, restaurants, and new customer home construction, including two beach houses. The work I did some years ago at a Santa Ynez Valley vineyard was like getting paid to go to school.

I have kept active with swimming, hiking, cycling, weight training, pilates, and (believe it or not) dancing. Jitterbug (now called East Coast Swing), done to classic rock 'n roll and up tempo blues, earned my partner and me many standing ovations at the local joints. We go to Maui and other tropical spots as much as time allows.

I have never regretted for one day my decision to move to SB. You meet so many amazing and interesting people in a town this size. And SB attracts a lot of very imaginative and competent folks. Life is good!

I have wondered how many of you have visited SB over the years that I have live there. If not, you should! It is best characterized as America's Riviera. Beautiful!

I am scheduled to go to South Africa (for work) in May, so I will likely not make it to the reunion.



Las Cumbres Observatory
Global Telescope Network is a
private operating foundation,
building a global network of
telescopes for scientific research
and research-based education.

Picture to left of one of the
telescopes was taken off the web
site

No current *pictures of*
Jim available at time
of printing.



Kae's story . . .

After graduation I attended CWU for 2 years. I did finally go back to college and received my degree in 1988 – almost making the event a senior moment. After originally deciding I wasn't college material, I enrolled in Esther's College of Cosmetology. I then bought a beauty salon in Ritzville. I sold the shop in 1970, moved to Spokane and began making wig and hair pieces. I even taught wig coloring and design at Spokane Community College for one year.

In 1971 I married Harold Koch. Harold worked for the railroad and we moved with his job. We sometimes moved several times in a month. This actually was a lot of fun and we met a lot of interesting people. I will have to admit that after two years I was getting rather tired of packing up our home on the tracks in preparation for another move. So in 1973 Harold and I decided to give up the hobo life and bought a scrap business in Centralia and put down roots. We still operate the scrap yard but not as aggressively as before. The same year I went to work for Weyerhaeuser. I retired in 2008 with 35 years of service. During those years I held several different positions ending my career as a Human Resource Representative and Payroll Specialist.

I was concerned that after having worked in the public sector for so many years that I would probably go nuts staying at home 24/7. So to ease myself into the new retired lifestyle, I decided to do volunteer work. Some of the things I started doing was helping second grade kids improve their reading skills; volunteering at the local food bank; and playing taxi for seniors in the neighborhood. I soon found myself on the road everyday. I have now re-grouped and cut back on "volunteering". I still do some volunteer work; (definitely not as aggressively as before) and have achieved a much more balanced lifestyle. This makes time for what I like to do the most travel!

Harold and I have really enjoyed traveling. Visiting other countries, experiencing different cultures, meeting and learning different customs from these countries has really been interesting. We have also been touring places that were on our "someday when we have the time, we should stop there and check it out", list. Some of these places were actually day trips from our home. We have also been attending the Milwaukee Railroad Historical Assoc. Convention that is held in a different state each year. This has proved to be really fun as we have been able to tour areas of the country where we haven't been. Thank heavens for a GPS so we can always find our way back to our motel. Our last trip involved taking the train across the country to Boston. There we boarded a cruise ship for 35 days. We disembarked back in Boston and took the train back home. We never seem to get too far removed from those tracks!

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great 50th reunion.

Harold passed away November 19, 2021

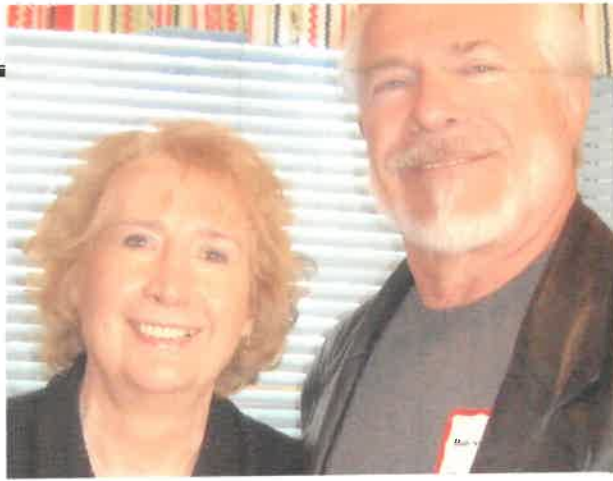
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Sue's story . . .

After I graduated I attended college in Idaho for a year and a half before returning to Ritzville for a few months. I then moved to Moses Lake and went to beauty school. I probably worked a total of three months as a beautician...but I can cut my own hair now, so it was not a total loss.

I met my first husband while I lived in Moses Lake, and I became Sue Duncan and gave birth to my only child in the middle of a seven year marriage. While married I lived in Monroe, Columbus, Indiana, and then Spokane. My husband retired from the Spokane Airport Fire Department long after we divorced.

I moved to Seattle with my young daughter 40 years ago. In Seattle I graduated from the UW with a degree in Psychology. I was a counselor for nine years. During this time, between patients, I went to bartending school; I don't know why, but it seemed like a fun thing to do. I worked as a bartender for about three months...but I can make a good martini, so it was not a total loss.

I married my second husband while I was at the UW and became Sue Honda. He had six children, four of whom we raised. We bought the home where I currently live in 1976. I lost the house in my divorce after 10 years of marriage. I bought it back from my ex-husband when I married my third and last husband and became Sue Bornholdt. This marriage ended in three years, but this time I was smart enough to hang on to the house...see I did learn about real estate, even if I learned nothing about marriage. I gave up on marriage and returned to being Sue Collier.

In about 1985 I went to Edmonds Community College and got my AA Degree in Paralegal studies. I have worked for two different law firms in the past 25 years. I continue to work full time specializing in Dissolution of Marriage...see I did learn about divorce, even if I learned nothing about marriage.

My daughter, Karen, gave me three wonderful grandchildren. They have made all of the trials of raising my daughter worth the experience. My oldest granddaughter, Jennifer, is married and has two lively children, now four and five years old. She is a full-time mother, and her husband is a contractor. Cori, my other granddaughter, has been working in sales for three years and just returned from opening a new office in Philadelphia. She is living with me until she gets settled again in Seattle. My grandson is in the sixth grade and is going to be very tall like his mother.

I owned a long haul trucking business for five years ending in 2008. I had a partner who was a trucker, and he wanted to try it as an independent. Then came the \$4 plus diesel prices and like so many independent firms, we gave it up just before going totally broke.

My mother has lived with me for the past four years, but at 90 she chose to return to Dallas to be with her five sisters for her remaining years. I believe I will stay right here in my home with my five little dogs for my remaining years where I am surrounded by family, friends, and memories.

I am unsure when I will retire. I have always joked that I will work until they tell me at 95 to go home as I am beginning to smell. I guess you should be careful what you joke about, because it may become reality. I have been at my current law firm for 18 years, and I love my job...a new soap opera every day. What I couldn't learn in three marriages, I have learned through handling hundreds of divorces...marriage is hard and those who make it through life with the same spouse are to be congratulated for a job well done.

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Bill's story . . .

Following high school, I attended two years at the University of Washington. Dianne and I were married in the fall of 1963 and moved to Sunnyside, WA for two years of internship for funeral director/embalmer training. Then to San Francisco, CA for twelve months of mortuary college and passed the Washington State and National Board exams.

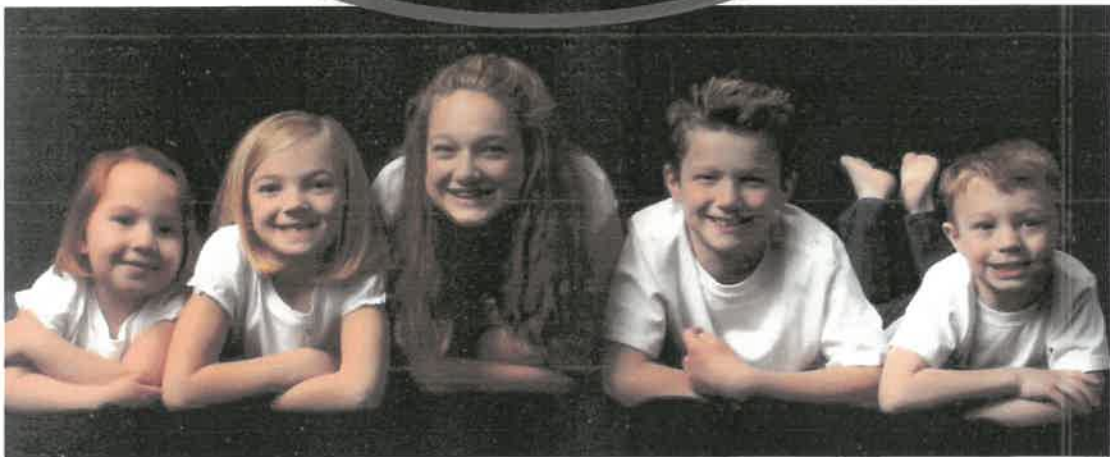
We spent the next ten years in the Spokane Valley starting our family while I worked at the Thornhill Valley Funeral Home. In 1976 we bought a funeral home in Colville, WA (named strangely enough, the Danekas Funeral Chapel) and moved to beautiful Northeast Washington where we have remained for 35 years. We currently own and operate two funeral homes in Colville and Chewelah and the cemeteries in Colville.

Dianne and I have four fantastic kids: the eldest is Heidi, married with three children and a special education teacher in Burbank, WA; number two is Denise, married with two children and is a Registered Nurse living in Deer Park; then came boy/girl twins. Katy is married with one child and is a high school teacher in Colville. Bill, Jr., is married with two children and is a partner with us in the funeral business.

We somehow managed to get all four through college and helped with a couple of Masters Degrees. We have a total of eight grandchildren that we thoroughly enjoy. We have a lake home near Colville, and the summers are overflowing with activities of the kids, grandkids, and friends.

I haven't officially retired yet--kind of in the twilight zone between work and retirement. I enjoy fishing, cruises, flying, puttering, fixing, carpentry, and I still go to work on a slightly looser schedule. I am hoping to spend more time at the lake and other leisure pursuits as time passes. Dianne and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in two years.

I feel extremely fortunate to have a wonderful wife, four great kids, and eight near perfect grandkids. We both have good health and are looking forward to a simpler and more comfortable life ahead.





Marcine's story . . .

Just one page for 50 years?? Well, I'll try, but you know me!!!!

Upon leaving Ritzville, I made my first home in San Jose, CA. Eventually, I had a full time job as wife, mother, and homemaker.

Five years later, I had worked a variety of jobs that I really enjoyed. I did a short stint of restaurant work, and as you know, I got my start in Ritzville. Then I had an opportunity to do interior design for a building contractor. I coordinated all of the phases that go into building a home from start to finish. That led me into a wholesale furniture store as a part-time sales associate to complete the project.

I took a short time off after my third child and eventually joined the working world again. This time I was employed by one of the nicest "Lighting, Fireside and Gift" store in San Jose. I also did modeling for the store's weekly newspaper ad. When my fourth child was about to arrive, I took some time off for a few years.

I was then approached about selling fine jewelry which I worked at for the next thirteen years most of which was in management.

In 1987 we uprooted ourselves and moved to Salem, OR. We bought a small grocery store and deli and worked it for 4½ years before finally selling it. Yeah, very hard work and long hours. Stan went to work for Safeway, and I went to work for Costco for the next thirteen years.

We have both since retired and have an empty nest that we have been enjoying very much. This allows us to do whatever and whenever we want, day by day.

My hobbies are cooking (you would not believe my recipe collection), gardening, collecting phonograph records, reading, and enjoy going camping.

God has richly blessed us, and we are both in reasonably good health.

My love to all of you and can't wait to see as many as possible and reminisce at our reunion.





Leo's story . . .

50 years! Wow, where did all those years go?

After high school graduation I attended Whitworth University. I graduated in 1965 with a BA in history and biology. In August of 1965, Sandie and I were married and began married life in Spokane. There I worked at a Sherman-Williams paint store for several months awaiting an expected call from my draft board. On March 1, 1966, I was drafted and sent to Fort Ord, CA for basic training and clerk typing school. A friend of my father once told him that if his son ever was drafted that he should try for the Chaplain's Assistant Program. So, *being that good son I always was*, when the call came for those interested in interviews for the CA program, I volunteered. Smartest move I ever made in the Army! Upon being accepted into the program, to my surprise, I was assigned as an assistant in the chapel (believe it or not) across the street from where I took basic and served my two years at Ft. Ord. Yes, working in the chapel across the street from where I took basic. Sandie moved down to California, and we lived in Monterey, four to six blocks from the ocean. Now a Chaplain's Assistant is probably not what you think it is. Duties were basically, coffee perking, clerical typing, driver, custodial, and yard maintenance. But I certainly could handle that over the other available option at that time.

On April 1, (note the date) 1967, our first child, Kristina, was born in the Ft. Ord Hospital. Kris currently is a nurse in Spokane. She is in charge of the Medicare Unit at a nursing home and has already informed us of our future move! Far, far future of course.

Upon discharge in 1968, Sandie and I moved back to Ritzville where Sandie was green fee collector for the golf course and mother while I attended Eastern to get my teaching credentials. Three of us from Ritzville were assigned to Moses Lake for our student teaching. All three were offered a contract for the following year, and, yes, all three of us signed our contract. Two of us did thirty plus years in Moses Lake and the other ten.

On Halloween in 1969, Sandie and I moved to Moses Lake, and we have lived there since. I began my teaching at the 5th grade level for 2 years, moved to 6th grade level for 3 years, and then 2 years as a reading resource teacher. Then moved to 3rd grade, which I taught for the next 30 years. The last 15 of those years were team teaching with Madeline (Kagele) Erickson, also a Ritzville graduate. Madeline taught language arts, and I taught math, science, and social studies. Guess I must have liked teaching because I did it for so many years. In 1991, I got my MA from Eastern. Also did five years of teaching educational classes for Heritage University.

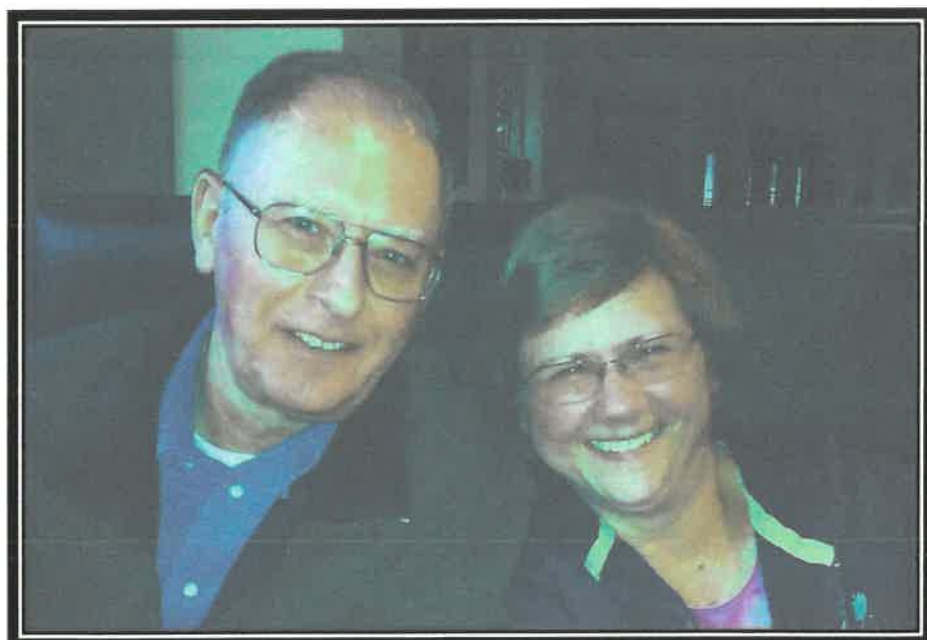
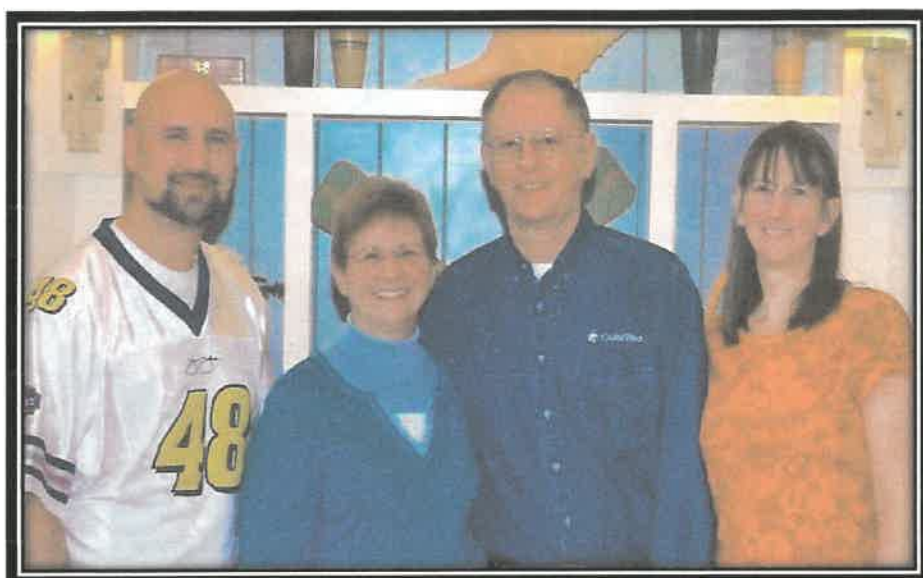
Our son John was born in 1971 at the Moses Lake Hospital. After 21 years with Baskin-Robbins, his only job now is teaching grades 7 and 8 at Ellensburg Christian School. He loves what he is doing and the best part is that he occasionally asks Dad to help out. I got to shoot off rockets with their 5th - 8th grades last spring.

In 1976, we adopted Bryan who now lives in Spokane and is doing odd jobs.

Sandie and I have 4 grandchildren: Johnathan (18), Timothy (16), Emily (10), and Konnar (7).

Over the years we have enjoyed vacations with the grandkids and also whole family vacations, in addition to attending school sport functions.

In 2007 I retired and now work for the Honey-Do Corporation and as a side line do volunteer work at Serve Moses Lake, Grant County Dispute Resolution Center, and our church.





Bob's story . . .

I was proud to be a graduate of the RHS class of 1961. After graduation I went to Columbia Basin Junior College and then enrolled at Eastern Washington University where I majored in education. I graduated from Eastern and took a teaching position in Odessa, WA. I taught fifth grade along with coaching high school baseball and basketball.

During my second year of teaching, I married Marianne Hull on December 29, 1967. We continued teaching in Odessa for another year.

A terrific opportunity became available when I accepted a fifth grade teaching position in the very progressive Lake Oswego School District in Lake Oswego, OR. During the eight years in Lake Oswego, I completed my Masters Degree in Education followed by my degree in Public School Administration.

While living in Lake Oswego, we were blessed to have a son, Grant, and a daughter, Brittany. Grant and his wife, Lisa, have two daughters. Brittany and her husband, Matt, stay active with two sons. We love living close to our kids and grandchildren.

In 1978 Marianne and I moved to Newport, OR where I started my first elementary principalship at Yaquina View Elementary. We enjoyed our life in Newport; terrific people, great beach combing, and good food. After five years, and struggles getting school budgets passed in Newport, we decided to move back to Kent, WA where we had family and to a school district where school budgets were well supported.

I was a principal at Scenic Hill Elementary for ten years and then was selected to open a brand new school, Sunrise Elementary. I got to hire an outstanding staff and for ten years enjoyed a school with terrific students, parents, and teachers. I was humbled to be selected Regional Distinguished Principal of South King County in 2002.

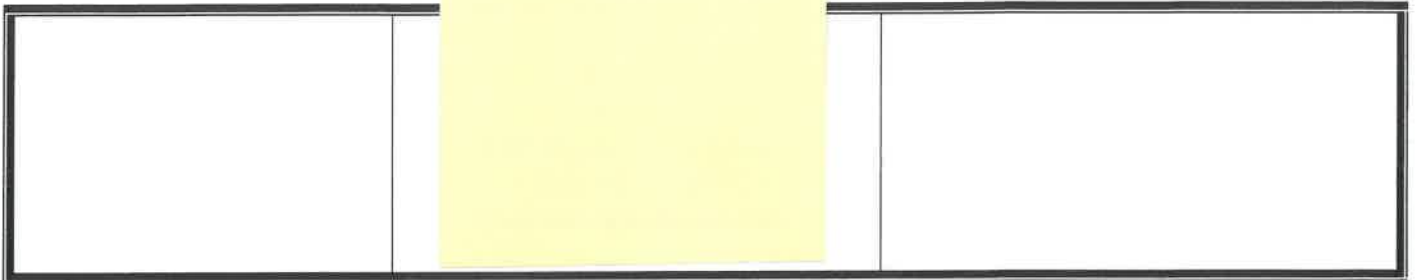
During these years in Kent, we were raising kids, going to lots of sports and music events, and then sending them off to college. Marianne was working during this time as an ESL teacher in Kent. After 36 years of public education, I retired in July of 2002.

The love of sports beckoned, and I became a seating host for the Seattle Mariners for two years. I also worked part time for City University in their Professional Certification Program. In 2006, I completely retired and now have more time to play golf, travel, be with family, take an active role in church activities, garden, and enjoy our friends. We have enjoyed traveling in the USA and abroad and hope to do lots more of it.

I couldn't have accomplished this wonderful array of life experiences without my wonderful wife during our marriage of forty-three years.

If you're in the area let us know. We'd sure enjoy having you stop by. Best wishes to all of my classmates.

Passed away March 14, 2021.





Doug's story . . .

After graduating from high school, I attended WSU for three years and was accepted to the University of Washington Dental School. Dental school was four years, and I graduated in June 1968. I took the State Dental Board examination at the end of June 1968.

I had previously enlisted in the Navy, so in July I reported for duty as a Dental Officer at Camp Pendleton, CA. I was stationed there until May 1969. After attending Field Medical School, I left for Viet Nam on May 16, 1969. Not exactly the trip of choice, but I am glad that I had the experience. I was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force and provided dental care for several different battalions of Marines. I spent a little over 11 months in Viet Nam and was discharged on my return to the USA in April 1970.

While in the service I met my wife, Sandra. We were married July 2, 1970, in Sydney, Australia. We moved back to Ritzville, and I started my dental practice in September 1970.

Our first daughter, Sara, was born October 1973. In January 1977 we were also blessed with the birth of our twin daughters, Elizabeth and Jennifer. All of our daughters graduated from Ritzville High School. Sara and Elizabeth are both graduates of the University of Washington. Jennifer attended the University of Washington for two years and then decided to attend Dental Hygiene School.

I retired from active dental practice the last week of September 2009. We still live in Ritzville but spend a good part of the year in Sydney. All of our daughters live in Sydney at this time. Sara has lived in Sydney for about 14 years and is married to an Australian. Elizabeth has lived in Sydney for 10 years, and Jennifer and her husband moved to Sydney a little over a year ago in December 2009.

We were blessed with our first grandchild, Hannah Marie Torpy (mother--Jennifer), born September 24, 2010. She already has her grandparents wrapped around her little finger. Our oldest daughter, Sara, and her husband are expecting their first child the end of March this year. We are looking forward to the arrival of our second grandchild. Elizabeth continues to enjoy life in Sydney and is an avid world traveler.

It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed by since our graduation. I am very much looking forward to seeing and visiting with my classmates from RHS. We had a great class.





Jim's story . . .

After high school I enlisted in the Navy. After training schools, I worked as an Inertial Navigation Tech on a nuclear missile submarine.

After the Navy stint, I was a Field Engineer for three different companies. I retired in April 2002.

Sylvia and I were living in Centennial, CO at the time of retirement. In June of 2003 we started getting ready to have a house built on some land we had purchased in Sagle, ID. We moved there in January 2004.

Passed away August 16, 2021





Judy's story . . .

As I reflect upon my life, I realize that I have been so very blessed. So many people and events have touched my life and made me who I am. One major blessing, when I was ten and in the 5th grade, was moving to Ritzville and joining the class of 1961. I was scared, shy, and filled with questions. Would they accept me, does everyone know everyone, would I fit in? After all, I was a city girl (Seattle) coming to the country. Needless to say, all of my classmates became a cherished part of my life and I have incredible memories. Thanks you.

My life since graduation:

1961-1965--I attended Washington State University, graduating with a BA Degree in Elementary Education. Go Cougs! In 1964, I married my high school sweetheart, Bob Gross. Lind HS that is. We celebrated 46 years this past August. Bob is also a WSU Graduate. We finished our senior year in college as a married couple.

1965-1967--In Portland, OR, Bob was a Quality Control Supervisor for Carnation Co. I taught 3rd grade until the birth of our daughter Kelley Maureen. Kelley is a RHS (1985), WSU, and St. Louis University of Medicine graduate. She lives in Spokane and is OBGYN. She and her husband, Ken Mathia, have given us three grandchildren: Hailey, 14, Nicholas, 12, and Holly, 8.

1968-1973--In Weiser, ID, Bob was employed by the University of Idaho as an Extension Agent. I taught 5th grade. Our daughter, Jolie Ann, was born here. She is a RHS (1987) and WSU graduate. Jolie resides in Davenport, WA on a wheat and cattle ranch. She is a 5th grade teacher. She and her husband, Tom Sorensen, have given us two grandchildren: Carlie, 15, and Jackson, 10.

1973-1976--Bob was transferred to St. Maries, ID. I taught kindergarten.

1976-2005--We made a challenging and exciting career change when we purchased the Circle T Inn Restaurant and moved back to my hometown. We entrenched ourselves into the community, finished raising our daughters, and owned and operated our own business for 29 years. We served hundreds of alumni over the years, hosting numerous classes in our banquet rooms including the class of 1961. We are looking forward to just being guests for the first time since I graduated.

2005-Present--In 2005 we sold our business and our home and moved on to retirement in Medical Lake, WA. We chose this community because it was half way between our two daughters--we were trying to be impartial. After three months of retirement, we decided we were not quite ready for it. Today, we are both employed by the Medical Lake School District. Bob is now Mr. Bob, the school bus driver. I am an assistant dispatcher for the Transportation Dept. I get to tell the buses where to go including Mr. Bob, the bus driver!!! That has always been a goal of mine!!

The community of Medical Lake has embraced me, just as Ritzville did all those years ago. My life is good. It is filled with work, children, grandchildren, reading, quilting, theater, friends, and faith. Every day is a gift.

July 1947 - 1994
1947 - 1994
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1947 - 1994





Patti's story . . .

After high school, I attended college for two years at WSU in Pullman, going for a teaching degree. Then I decided I would much rather have my MRS degree, and I married Len, my handsome cowboy and became a rancher's wife. It's hard to believe that we have been married for 47 years! God blessed us with 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

A few years after we were married, Len and I moved back to his home ranch to become partners with his parents and his aunt and uncle who, along with Len's grandparents, founded the original family ranch in 1943. Diamond M Ranch is located on the Canadian border in a beautiful valley surrounded by mountains, with the Kettle River flowing through the middle of it. We have a wonderful sandy beach here where our children enjoy swimming daily in the summertime, and where we have "pot luck" picnics on the beach every Saturday night for any family and friends who drop by. Len grew up doing this, and we still do it every Saturday night until school starts. It's a great family tradition--now enjoyed by our grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

The Diamond M cattle summer on our upper ranch properties, on the high mountain pastures of forest service ranges, and on private leased ground. In September, fall roundup starts. Our son, Bill, and his crew of cowboys are on horseback nearly every day until late December, riding in the mountains gathering cattle and loading them on the semi's so that Len and his crew of truck drivers can haul them south to our winter pasture on the Oregon border. Then in May, it's time to start hauling them north again to the summer range. Then we will all move back to Laurier...where it is green and cool and a great place to spend the summer!

This is a little glimpse of our nomadic lifestyle. It has been a wonderful life. We have been so richly blessed by the Lord, and we are grateful.





Dale's story . . .

Since I have not detailed much of my life since high school in the earlier briefs of our reunions, I will take advantage of it now, since it will probably be my last one.

After graduation in 1961, I went to WSU. I tried out for football without a scholarship but received one after making the freshman first team. I lettered four years at WSU. My senior year, I made honorable mention in the PAC 10.

I went into the Air Force one week after graduation from WSU. I went through ROTC so I was commissioned as a 2nd LT. I had no intention of making the Air Force a career, but sometimes things happen. In 1969 I went to navigator school in Sacramento, CA. After graduation, I flew in military transports (C 141) at McChord AFB, WA.

In 1971, I flew C 130 rescue aircraft in Viet Nam. After Viet Nam I went to Charleston AFB, SC to fly again in C 141s. There I married Dianna Kosoi, who I had met at McChord AFB before I went to Viet Nam. Dianna was a flight attendant for Capital International Airways. After two years at Charleston, we moved to the Washington DC area where I was assigned to the Presidential Support Squadron. I flew many dignitaries, including Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, congressmen and senators. Twice I flew Air Force Two with Vice President Walter Mondale.

While at Andrews AFB, I obtained a Masters Degree from Central Michigan University. After 3.5 years in DC, we went to Dayton, OH (Wright Patterson AFB) where I obtained a Masters in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology. From there to McClellan AFB in Sacramento for my last ten years. At McClellan I flew in WC 135 Weather Reconnaissance Aircraft. We really didn't care about the weather--most of the missions were along the Russian borders looking for nuclear radiation. Maybe that's why my hair is missing on the top!

I retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1988 after 22 years in the military.

During retirement Dianna and I have enjoyed traveling, gardening, and playing with old cars. I don't have my first car but I have one like my third car--a 1966 Pontiac Grand Prix. The golden years have been a little tarnished at times. I have had a 4-way bypass and a valve replacement. If you see me chewing on an alfalfa stem, it is because I have a bovine valve. Also, I have had two rotator cuff surgeries, which could possibly have something to do with playing football.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion.

Wade E. Kinnard
20' 1" 170 lbs. 1954-55
4 years at Camp Pendleton, CA
1956-57 2nd Lt.
1957-58 1st Lt.





Larry's story . . .

Life after graduation has been very low key. My first year after graduation, I spent working and trying to decide what I wanted to do. In the fall of 1962, I started at Spokane Community College and graduated in 1964.

I went to work for Bower Machinery and later for a logging company in Idaho. I ended up in Lind, WA in 1970 to work for one of my uncles. After about four or five years, I went to work for Union Elevator and was employed there for 31 years, retiring in April 2007.

From January 1990 to January 2010, I was Mayor of Lind. I have been a member of the Lind Lions Club for 35+ years. As the Mayor and a Lions Club member, I have donated many hours of my time for the betterment of our community.

In the last 50 years, I have been married three times and divorced three times. With my first marriage, I had one son and one daughter; and with my second marriage, I had another daughter. I ended up with three wonderful children and six beautiful grandchildren. Two of my grandchildren have graduated from W. S. U.

I am blessed to still have my mother here and in good health. Yes, I still pay attention to what she says to me.

I am still in good health, and I still live in Lind.

Passed away March 29, 2022

Larry & Ruth
1943 - 2013
1943 - 2013
1943 - 2013





Orvis's story . . .

After graduation from Ritzville High School in 1961, I served four and a half years in the U. S. Navy.

Prior to my Navy discharge, I was fortunate to have the love of my life accept my proposal for marriage. On October 16, 1965, Elaine M. Lobe and I were married.

We have been blessed with three wonderful children: Kim, Jody, and Dean. Each of our kids is happily married, healthy, and well-grounded, and each has blessed us with two grandchildren. I could write pages on how awesome they are. We attend numerous soccer, baseball, football, and basketball games as well as other activities.

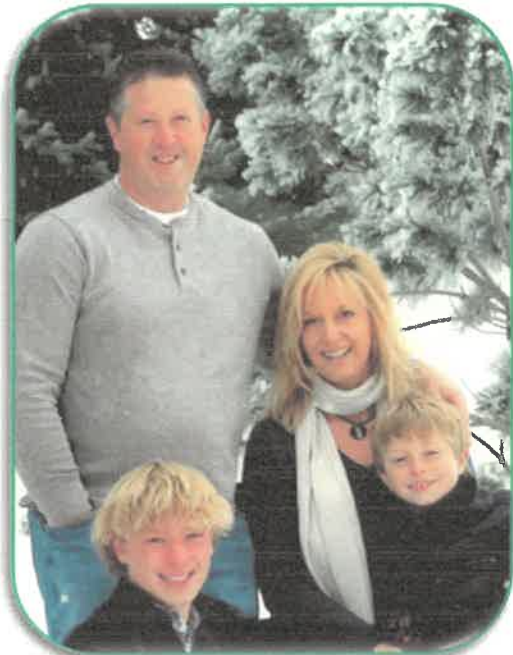
Elaine and I were able to enjoy a two-week vacation in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. We have many incredible memories.

We lived in Pasco for nearly forty years. We built a home in town, and then moved to a farm a few miles north of Pasco. We now have a home in Kennewick just a few minutes from my mother. We are blessed to be with her several times a week. We enjoyed many years with dad before his passing in 2008.

We have been members of Kennewick First Presbyterian Church for over forty years and have been quite active in the church.

I have been involved in real estate buying, selling, and developing. I have a lot of experience in dealing with asbestos, PCB's, water rights, Washington Department of Ecology, the IRS, and shyster lawyers (some good ones as well) than what I would like, but such is life's journey.

Don & Linda C. Kline
1942 to 2010
Linda C. Kline
1942 to 2010
Don & Linda C. Kline
1942 to 2010





Letha's story . . .

In 1965 I graduated from WSU with a BS teaching degree and married Bob Banister. I taught for five years in Olympia as well as the Renton area.

In 1970 a son was born and within 19 months twin daughters. For the next 25 years I was busy raising and educating them. I will brag--an engineer and two medical doctors.

Bob and I both retired in 1997. At that time we moved from Newcastle to our home on the Yakima River in CleElum. We sold the home in Newcastle and purchased one in Surprise, AZ. Thus, we spend six months at each residence. We love being Snowbirds!!

One special eleven year old grandson, Paul, lives in Arizona and about an hour drive from us. Need I say any more?



Bob passed away

Letitia Loughrey-Russell
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Fred's story . . .



A journey can begin without planning or a designated destination. You can wander and get lost, aimlessly bounce from point to point or find sign posts that help you see the path ahead. In 1961 two days after graduation, I left Ritzville for a job in Warden knowing only that the Navy was my ultimate destination after the summer. At the end of harvest and a road trip with some friends to Canada for a week, I raised my right hand and committed to four years in Uncle Sam's Canoe Club (US Navy). In the Navy sign posts were everywhere I looked, and I started planning what my future would become. Within just a few days of boot camp, it became apparent that the best road to follow was through education. A high school diploma was not near enough to get me where I wanted to go. Schooling in the Navy prepared me to make a good living on the outside as a diesel mechanic, if I desired, and taught me leadership and organization. Traveling over half the world brought me awareness of cultures and places I had not even imagined. A tour of duty on the Saigon River in a mine sweeper with real guns and bullets taught me now fragile and short life can be. At the end of my tour, I was ready to create my destiny.

With the GI Bill in hand and having seen much of the world, Eastern Washington looked mighty good. In 1966 I enrolled in EWSC (now EWU) and obtained my Bachelors Degree. Who would ever have guessed I could not only do it but complete everything in three years. This lead to careers in insurance, then sales engineering positions with Caterpillar, Chevron, and finally with Exxon Mobil. During this time I married and was blessed with two marvelous boys. Brad owns Spokane Real Estate and Erik is a project manager for Next IT, a commercial software developer. Between them I have five wonderful grandkids. Julie and I divorced but remained good friends, and her and her husband still spend the holidays and family functions with me and my family.

My philosophies on life are: "Live everyday like it will be your last since one day it will", and "I want to sit in my rocker when I am old and say I'm glad I did rather than wish I would have". My interest in history got me involved with Ken Burns and Steven Ambrose when they made the "Core of Discovery" documentary for PBS. I made a dugout canoe using the basic hand tools used by Lewis & Clark. Then took the canoe down the Clearwater River to the Snake River for the filming. It was a great adventure even if all the shots I was in ended up being cut. The 150 year anniversary of the Oregon Trail created another adventure full of memories. I took part in the reenactment and rode my horse from Baker City, OR across the Blue Mts. to Pendleton. What a great time--150 people from all over the world participated. An Idaho horse magazine published my story and photographs. I know numerous teachers from RHS rolled over in their graves when I became a published author. My biggest adventure was when a friend and I bought a small outfitting and guide business in the Wennaha Wilderness of the Blue Mts. We were able to run the business and keep our day jobs for the next eight years before we sold. The best part of the business was when we would take people into the wilderness for summer trips. That is where I met Vickie who became the love of my life and my wife. The hardest part was packing elk hunters in during the winter. I know now that those mountain men I so enjoyed reading about were one tough breed.

Vickie and I live on a mini ranch just SW of Spokane where we have spent several years restoring and enlarging the old farm house. We live with our four horses, ten chickens, two dogs and a cat. The grandkids love to come out and ride, play, and enjoy the solitude. Since the house is large, it has become the meeting place for most of the family gatherings and holidays.

In 2007 I retired. The first year was very busy finishing projects I had been working on for numerous years. When my son Brad saw I had extra time, he thought it would be a good idea for me to get my real estate broker's license and help him with his business. So I am now off on another adventure and enjoy working with my son and setting my own work schedule. I will continue at least until Vickie, a nurse, retires. It was a long journey from RHS to Rock Ranch, but I would love to do it again.

Passed away October 28, 2014

Quinn "Fred" McArthur
1941-2011
10/20/11
10/20/11
10/20/11





Jerald's story . . .

Fifty years have come and gone. The first few years seemed like we were climbing a very steep hill. We had goals and dreams that were just barely out of our grasp, but we persevered and we attained a few goals and even realized some of our dreams. Being born to members of the Greatest Generation, our parents modeled a strong work ethic. Our generation followed the social mores of college, careers, marriage, children, purchasing a home, and the desire to make a better world for our children.

For me, life was and is not a straight line. I was on the twelve-year plan for graduating from EWU. I graduated in 1973 with a BA in Education. My first two years of teaching were in Republic, WA. I taught third and fourth grades. Also, being male, I was recruited to be an assistant coach in football and baseball. My next seven years of teaching were in the Liberty School District where I also taught third and fourth grades. From there I moved into the Spokane Public School system for twenty-two years where I taught grades four, five, and six at three different schools.

My oldest child is Gretchen (43), and she has provided me with two granddaughters. The oldest is Bailey (18) and Emma is 8. Gretchen works for DSHS in the legal department. I met my second wife while attending Eastern where we had several Education classes together. We were married in 1974, and we had two children. Cory (34) is a graduate of EWU and is in the financial industry. Michelle (26) works for a dentist that has eleven offices in Las Vegas. She is the HR manager along with working in marketing. She is a graduate of WWU in Bellingham. In 1999 my second wife passed away, and I was challenged to be both mom and dad. Michelle could have given me a tough time during her teen years, but she was great and a wonderful relationship developed between the two of us.

While I was teaching at Finch Elementary in N.W. Spokane, I met my third wife, Nancy. Both of us had suffered the loss of a spouse. A golf buddy and the whole Finch staff worked very hard to get us together. After two years of working together and dating, we were married in 2002. Nancy works for the WSU College of Nursing in Spokane. She has a daughter that is two years older than Michelle. Kristin (28) is both a U of W and Seattle U graduate with a Masters in teaching. She is married and blessed us with a grandson in October of 2009. She is expecting again and will bless us with another grandchild in July of 2011.

Our lives are just great and our children and grandchildren provide us with huge doses of joy. It seems like I have been raising children all of my life. I retired in 2004 after 31 years of teaching. In my "spare" time I enjoy working out, bowling, golfing, and bike riding. Most three-day weekends we are on the road visiting the kids or visiting family. We try to plan our getaways so that we can visit B & B's, wineries or breweries, and restaurants to be able to experience new things.

Jeffrey Thomas
1974-1975
Spokane, WA 99201-1111
2001-2002
gold medalist





Jeanne's story . . .

Upon graduating from RHS, I attended CWU on a music scholarship which entitled me to free flute lessons for a year. I loved being in the concert/marching band and the highlight was going on tour throughout Canada! Thought I should check out other Washington colleges so I attended both WSU and U of Washington. It was at U of W that I met my hubby, Ed. Since I changed my major after three years of school, and Ed and I wanted to get married (he was short on funds for college), we had to come up with another game plan. I spent a year at Griffin-Murphy Business College in Seattle so I could become an executive secretary and get a job ASAP. About ten months after we got married, Ed was called into active duty with the Navy, and he was shipped over to VietNam. During that time I got a job transfer down to Long Beach, CA. Upon Ed's return from the service, we came back to Seattle so he could finish his Master's degree in aeronautical engineering. In 1969 we headed back down to southern California (Santa Monica & Irvine) with a McDonnell Douglas job. All three of our children were born in California: son Lance in 1970; daughter Kristin in 1973; and daughter Julie in 1975. We now have five grandchildren and one step-grandson from 1½ to 12 years of age.

In 1979 we once again returned to the Seattle area (Maple Valley). Ed hired on at Boeing, and I did various part-time jobs to help support our family. I worked for KitchenAid, had my own catering business, held various sales positions, etc. After our youngest was a sophomore in high school, I decided to go back to work full time with the City of Auburn at Mountain View Cemetery. For six years I was Office Manager and helped families with burial plans and arrangements, including designing markers and various other duties in coordination with the City of Auburn's staff.

Through Boeing we were given the opportunity to live in England (Lytham-St. Annes in Lancashire) for close to five years. We loved the European travel, appreciated the different cultures and so enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life around the world. My official job was travel planner/guide while Ed brought home the bacon so we could do this! I made sure about four trips were on the calendar each year.

Upon our return from England, we ended up here in Port Orchard (Kitsap County). I've been very involved with our church doing volunteer work, singing in the choir, garden club (I love to work out in the yard), book club, walking group, P.E.O., swimming and biking. Used to love to play tennis, but this has subsided due to foot surgeries and back issues.

Having just recently purchased a small home in a Del Webb community in Mesquite, NV, we look forward to a new chapter in our lives, along with down-sizing our current home to a condo or a "funky" little place in the woods?

Ed passed away March 2, 2017

Thank you for your support
and love
and for being a part of
my life
and for being a part of
my family





Paula's story . . .

After graduation from RHS, I attended four years of college at Pacific Lutheran University getting a BA in Education. I graduated from there in 1965; and three weeks later on June 19, 1965, I married Kent Brady.

We moved to Everett, WA and that fall I began teaching first grade in the Edmonds School District. I taught in the district for two years and also got my fifth year from the University of Washington.

I soon became in the family way but continued to substitute teach. We have two children: Karrin, born in 1968, and Kevin, born in 1970. While our children were small, I tutored children in reading in our home, and when Kevin was four, I began teaching preschool at our local church. After four years of preschool teaching, I enrolled at Everett Community College where I took classes in photography.

In 1975, Kent and I bought a store fixture and display company, King Merchandising Concepts, Inc., and in 1980, I became involved in the day-to-day running of the company. Kent oversaw Sales and Operations, and I was responsible for Accounting and Human Resources. In 1999, we sold the assets of the company, and I retired from the work force.

During those 19 years we did extensive traveling across the United States putting our fixtures in many stores and visiting our many vendors. Since retirement, I've done all the things I never had the time to do: being a housewife, gardening, reading, and of course, enjoying those wonderful grandchildren.

During our 46 years of marriage, besides traveling in the USA, we've been to England, Europe, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and our favorite, Hawaii, where we had a condo for 18 years.

Our daughter Karrin (42) is married to Drew Wikel, and they have three wonderful sons: Joshua (15,) and the twins, Parker and Jake (13). Our son Kevin (40) is married to Kelly and has two wonderful daughters, Ali (21) and Madison (2½) and a neat son, KJ (15).

A lot of wonderful things have happened to me since graduating from good o'l RHS.

Wanda Phares in the Heart
of the Community
1931-2011
Loving Wife of
1954-2011
1954-2011





Mike's story . . .

My college days were spent at EWU in Cheney where I got my degree in education with a major in science and minor in math. I played three years of baseball and one year of basketball. Joyce and I were married in the fall of 1962. She worked at the college placement office and received her "PHT" degree (Put Husband Through)! Our first son, Scott, was born in February of 1964. After graduation, I started teaching and coaching in Selkirk High School near the Canadian border. Our second son, Kevin, was born in Metaline Falls, and Joyce attended all the games with both boys.

I took a similar job in Waterville, a farm town in Central Washington. We really enjoyed the town and the friendly people; but I got a call from Lind, and we moved to Joyce's home town. Darin was born after a football game in Coulee City. I had a great time taking the Bulldogs to the state basketball tournament in Spokane two years in a row, taking second place both times. I am now watching those same players' kids playing high school basketball. We spent six years in Lind. We were busy raising our family, teaching, coaching football, basketball, baseball, junior high basketball, and track.

We moved to Kennewick in 1974. I taught in Kennewick for 5 years and then 13 years in Richland. After 30 years of teaching, I took my Washington retirement, but wasn't ready to completely retire. I taught eight more years in Hermiston, OR. It was a good change for me and a good challenge. After 38 years of teaching and coaching, I decided to retire.

We always camped as the kids were growing up. We started with a tent, then a trailer, Class C motor home, Class A motor home, and now have a 5th wheel trailer and pickup. Our "kids" are now 47, 45, and 42. Scott graduated from CBC with an AA degree in auto mechanics and can fix practically anything that has wheels! He also got a degree in telecommunications from Perry Tech in Yakima. He lives in Kennewick and has a 20 year old son who works in Portland. Kevin graduated from U. of Miami with honors, receiving a master's degree in business while playing basketball on their college team. He started all four years and still has some scoring records on the books for the "Hurricanes". He lives in Katy, TX with his 13 year old daughter and 10 year old son. Darin attended CBC and Concordia College in Portland, graduating with a degree in Recreational Therapy. He also played on their basketball team which made it to the National Christian College finals in Cleveland, TN for two of his three years there. He went on to Eastern while getting his masters degree in science/education. He lives in Katy, TX with his wife and three year old daughter. We have been blessed with four grandkids and are expecting the fifth this summer. We love to spoil them and watch them grow. We have driven down there about five times to spend time with them.

We really enjoy traveling and have been to Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and all but three states. Our most memorable trip was when we went to Copper Canyon in Mexico where we drove our RV onto a flatbed of a train and watched the awesome scenery go by with no driving. We also enjoyed the group RV tour to the New England states with thirty other couples in 2004. We like to go to Phoenix to get some sun and watch the Mariners spring training baseball.

Since retirement, I've enjoyed the time I now have to go deer hunting each fall, and also the trout fishing we do during the spring and summer. On the short trips we take the 5th wheel. We stay busy. LIFE IS GOOD!

Mike & Jean
Kronenfeld, 2011
2011-2012
President/President





Ron's story . . .

After graduating from RHS, I went to CWSU for two years until the dean decided that I should further my education elsewhere. After Paul Reimann worked my butt off in Ritzville for about six months, I decided that college wasn't so bad after all. I went to EWSU and met Rella Thomsen from Warden. We got married in 1965 and I graduated from Eastern in 1966.

Since Rudy Thaut and Bob Langenheder, both lived a few houses away in Ritzville, were my heroes along with my dad, joining the military seemed the right thing to do. Went to Armor Officer Candidate School in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Resigned before accepting my 2nd Lt. commission. Not impressed with OCS officers. Lost some Sgt. stripes while goofing off and became a Drill Corporal for awhile before getting my permanent duty station with the 6th Battalion 80th Artillery on the DMZ in South Korea. Got my Sgt. stripes back and after 13 months in Korea was thankfully honorably discharged as a Sgt. again.

Returning to my wife and absolutely broke, I went to work for my father-in-law, Hank Thomsen, in Warden. A year later Porky Thomsen, my brother-in-law, and I started T&R Farms, Inc. A great guy, Slim Lovins, backed Porky and I raising potatoes. Had a great year and rented ground by Lind, Odessa, and George. In 1973 Hank, Porky, and I bought a dryland farm on the Snake River northeast of Pasco and put pivot irrigation on it. We presently have about 4,000 irrigated acres, raising potatoes, apples, red wheat, sweet corn, green peas, and field corn.

In 1969 Reid was born, exactly nine months after my returning from the Army. The plan was for six boys. We ended up with only one, but Rella and I still remark that the Lord knew we could only handle one like Reid. Reid joined T & R Farms after college and presently runs the farm with the help of his mother and mumblings of the "Old Guy", a moniker he hung on me when he was 13 years old and still calls me to this day. In 2003 we purchased a farm by Mesa and developed it into a dairy which we sold to a dairyman from Holland. Reid did the grunt work on this farm.

Things I enjoyed along the way: served on the school board in Warden and Star School Districts; spent a lot of years negotiating potato contracts with different processors; served on boards of different Ag associations; served on the Washington State Potato Commission and made way too damn many trips to D.C.; worked with Monsanto to commercially grow the first Genetically Engineered Potatoes; spent a lot of time in D.C. testifying on GMO's and had out butts kicked by Greenpeace after three years of growing the Naturemark potato. Met a lot of interesting people during the years of doing this.

In 2002 Anastasia, my granddaughter, was born and my life changed again. Now I have two women who tell me what to do. I got my first tattoo in 2010. On my left forearm is Anastasia's name with two butterflies (the two butterflies were her idea). Since water has been my livelihood for 43 years, I have the Chinese symbol for water on my right forearm. I presently serve as President of the Columbia Snake River Irrigators Association, so my water tattoo is my political statement! The first time I met with Attorney General, Rob McKenna, he said he had already heard about my tattoo. Politics are very weird, and the last two years I have spent a lot of time in Olympia pissing people off.

Several years ago, I traveled to Russia to meet my counterpart--Anastasia's other grandfather. We traveled as Russians by train to my daughter-in-law's village by the Black Sea. Great moments of the trip included when we got too close to Georgia, our car was surrounded by guards who thought the car was sitting so low that we must be carrying arms. We were very nervous until the six guards started laughing as the two big Americans got out of the car, and it raised about eight inches. Being body searched at the airport by pretty Russian ladies was. . . what can I say! Traveled on a train for three days straight and became friends with a Red Army Colonel. Got a big bear hug on the station platform when we parted company. Who would have thought. . . after growing up during the Cold War and thinking we were going to be bombed by the Russians!!!!

My father died in 1982 and Kathryn followed in 1995, and that's when Ritzville no longer was my home town. I still occasionally find myself after all these years picking up the phone and dialing their number. Dad was 77 and Mom was 92. I plan on finally getting ahead of my Dad and going no later than 76. After 68 years, I have had a great time, no real regrets, and would not want to go back and do it all over again. I can't imagine doing anything but farming and being outside every day and thoroughly enjoying everything He made for us.

Looking forward to our 50th reunion.

Passed away July 30, 2017

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Bob's story . . .

50 years and the world goes on. After high school, I enrolled in three different colleges, but never got to one. I ended up going to business school for a year before entering the Army. They were after me, so I joined.

I went to the micro-wave school in New Jersey (Fort Monmouth) in 1964. After that session, I went to Korea where I went to school to be a medic. I was sent to an outfit on Kuma San Mountain. It was a remote site in the mountains, and there were usually six to eight of us at this site. After about a year, I made it back to the states and on to Aberdeen Proving Grounds where I taught the basic electronics for the guided missile control system on the Huey choppers. Six or eight months later, the government made up six teams of eight men each and sent us to Viet Nam where we backed up Marines out of Da Nang with communications.

I got out of the service in the spring of 1967, came back to Ritzville, and ended up buying the Mager's place just east of town. I bought two other places where we ran a commercial cow outfit and registered Black Angus cattle.

In 1972, I married Marge Sanger, and we lived out east of town about 10 miles until 1985. We then moved onto the place outside of Ritzville. Our family consists of Marge and I; Bo, Keri, and Traci. We also have five grandchildren: Tanner, Jarod, Katheran, Margaret, and Jack.

We still raise registered Black Angus, but also have a few crossbred Brahma cows that have produced rodeo stock--one good enough to go to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas.

Marge retired in the spring of 2010. I still like what I'm doing, so I haven't any plans to quit yet.



Robert Schneider
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Kay's story . . .

Most of my jobs since high school have been in some way related to education. I spent several years teaching in the Highline School District south of Seattle. In 1980 I quit teaching and started freelancing as a designer and programmer with a small start-up education software company; remember the TRS model 1, Apple, Commodore 64 and Atari computers? When the company went by the wayside, I took an academic skills specialist position at CWU to help me decide if I wanted to return to college and get my doctorate in education so that I could teach at the college level. After three years, I decided the world of academia was not for me, so I returned to my home in Seattle.

My first position in the corporate world was as an education consultant for Computer Curriculum Corporation, a small education software company that had just been acquired by Paramount Communications. I worked out of a home office. My territory included Alaska and my travels often took me to schools in the Alaska bush, allowing me see parts of Alaska not normally seen by tourists. As sales slowed in my area, my territory gradually became "anywhere USA", helping out wherever needed. After a major acquisition, my position was eliminated. After nine years, I was ready for a change to a job with a lot less or no travel or training.

My next position was as a curriculum developer for IDX, a healthcare software company. Working in an 8' x 8' foot cubical was a real change from what I had been use to. After seven years, GE Healthcare acquired IDX, and my department and position were eliminated.

My last full-time position was with Safeco Insurance as an instructional designer. After two years, Safeco was acquired by Liberty Mutual. This time I didn't wait for my position to be eliminated.

I semi-retired in January of 2009, working on various contracts as an independent instructional designer. This last summer, I finally decided enough is enough and really retired. I am looking forward to pursuing some of my many interests that got pushed to the side over the last 50 years such as travel, walking/hiking, photography, gardening, and . . .

Looking forward to touching base with all of you.

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Connie's story . . .

It seems like we just celebrated our 40th reunion from high school. . .and here it is our 50th.

We've made several changes since then. Steve has retired from Weyerhaeuser Co., and we are now living on the Olympic Peninsula, Port Ludlow. We spend nine months there and when we get tired of the rain, we go to Bonita Spring, FL for three months. We are not stay at home people.

Our three children live in New Jersey, St. Louis, and San Diego, and we try to visit them at least twice a year. Our four grandchildren are growing up fast. Our oldest, Jakob Leonard, will be graduating from high school this year. Their ages range from 17 to 5 years.

We've been very busy working on our bucket list, mainly to visit the countries we haven't seen. We went to Egypt two years ago, and we are very thankful it was the second one on our list. I know that it won't be on anyone's list for a long time. They do need a change, and we hope they get it.

Our first trip was to South America visiting Argentina, Patagonia, Cape Horn, and Chile. That was a beautiful trip. In 2010 we went to India, another country that needs change, and Nepal. In 2011 we will be going to Australia and New Zealand.

Steve works on three corporate boards, so we have to grab our vacations when he doesn't have board meetings. These boards should keep my "hyperactive" husband busy until he's 75.

I keep busy with book clubs, knitting groups, bridge groups, and garden club. Our Tacoma Garden Club (GCofA) will be coming here in July for their annual picnic. This means that most of the spring will involve grooming the yard for the garden club ladies' "inspection".

Our health has been generally good with just the aches and pains of old age.

We invite any of you to stop on by and say hello. We feel we've found our piece of paradise in Port Ludlow, and we plan to spend many years enjoying the beautiful outdoors and scenic N. W. Steve still has his 42' Grand Banks, and we joined the P. L. Yacht Club. So we are hoping to join the group on trips around the San Juans and Alaska.

We are looking forward to May 28th.

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Mary's story . . .

I still recall our graduation when we looked at the 50 year graduation class and thought, "WHOA"! And, now "they" are "US"!

I graduated from Kinman Business University in Spokane (no longer in existence) in 1962 with a secretarial degree. Back to Ritzville where I worked for Miller, Jansen, and Sackmann (no longer in existence) as a legal secretary. Wanting to experience life "in the big city", I moved to Seattle and worked for the Trust Department of the National Bank of Commerce. You guessed it (no longer in existence)!

September 19, 1964, I married Dick Leisle (Class of 1960). We were in Germany over two years where Dick was stationed while in the Army. Our first child, Kristen Michele, was born in Frankfurt, Germany, March 28, 1966. Upon Dick's discharge in January 1967, we returned to the states.

Dick once again took up employment with Safeway Stores, Inc. Due to transfers over the years, we lived in College Place, Walla Walla, Moscow, ID, Walla Walla (again). Our first son, Matthew Richard was born here on June 29, 1968. More transfers to Davenport and Elmer City, from where we drove back to the hospital in Davenport to have John Frederick on August 7, 1972. Back to Moscow, then on to Ritzville where Kristen and Matt graduated from high school just like their mom and dad. And then to Missoula, MT, Ephrata (where John graduated), and Spokane. Dick retired from Safeway in 1997! We settled in our home in Mead that year. Lots of moves over the years!!!

While in Ritzville, I worked at Rummer's clothing store on Main Street for almost six years. I have also been a deli cashier, worked for Ambassador and Gibson cards, and as a hostess for a buffet.

Both of my sons work for Liberty Mutual Insurance, and my daughter is an anesthesia technician at Sacred Heart in Spokane. Matt is also in Spokane, and John is in Kirkland.

Both of my grandchildren, Brayden, 15, and Shayleigh, 10, live 40 minutes down the road which is WONDERFUL!!

My mom is 93, healthier than me and lives in her own home in Lacey, WA.

The last ten years I have been fortunate to have been "daycare" for my granddaughter until she started first grade. Since then I have her three or four days and nights a week during the summer plus pick her up after school on Friday and take her home at 3:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon every other weekend during the school year.

I really enjoy reading, gardening, my four cats, decorating the house for nearly every holiday on the calendar, working 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzles, being on the computer, and even some of the reality TV shows all over the networks these days!

So my fellow classmates, it is on to our 60th reunion in 2021!!

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Dianne's story . . .

After high school graduation, I attended WSU and the University of Washington. I graduated from Dental Assistant School in 1963 and then had the opportunity to tour all of Europe for two months.

I married Bill Danekas in November of 1963, and we moved to Sunnyside, WA where I began work as a dental assistant for two years. We moved to San Francisco, CA in 1965 for Bill's mortuary college where I continued as a dental assistant for a year. In 1967 we moved to a home in Spokane Valley where we started our family of four children and lived for ten years. In 1976 we moved to Colville, WA and bought a funeral home business of our own which we have operated for the last thirty-five years.

We have a family of three girls and one boy. Heidi is the eldest child. She is married with three children and has a Masters Degree in special education. She teaches in Burbank, WA. Our second child is Denise. She is married with two children and works as a Registered Nurse while living in Deer Park, WA. Our third and fourth children were twins. Katy is married with a Masters Degree in education and works as a high school teacher in Colville and has one child. Bill, Jr., is married with two children. He went to college to be a commercial pilot but works as a partner with us in the funeral business.

We dearly love and enjoy our eight grandchildren. Keeping up with them is a full time job. We're fortunate that they all live relatively close to us so we can stay in the loop easily and maintain the close family ties we value so highly. I spend a lot of time caring for my younger sister, Kathy, who is severely handicapped and now lives in Colville. I also spent many years as a tutor in the Adult Literacy Program which presented many rewards for myself as well as my students.

I enjoy our family get-togethers, shopping for the kids and grandkids, cooking pastries, travel when we can, looking for all the wild critters that surround our house, tole painting, china painting, and home decorating.

Theresa Susan Davidson
1951 - 2010
A Loving Wife, Mother
Grandmother & Sister
Thank you for all you did





David's story . . .

In August 1961, Jim Hirning and I joined the Navy. I was discharged in 1965. I lived in Seattle and worked at Boeing.

I came back to Ritzville in 1966 and got married. I have two children. Scott was born in 1967 and Angela in 1971.

I lived in Spokane for four years, moving back to Ritzville in 1974 to work at Wheatland Equipment Co. I retired from the Adams County Road Department in October of 2005. Every job I have had involved working outdoors and getting my hands dirty.

In 1980 I married Barbara Snider. We have five grandchildren: Stephanie, 23; Christopher, 17; Madison, 10; Hayden, 7; and Megan, 5. We have one great-grandson, Karsten, 15 months. I have always felt very fortunate that my kids chose to live in Ritzville so that I could be with my grandkids while they are growing up. I'm very involved in their everyday activities.

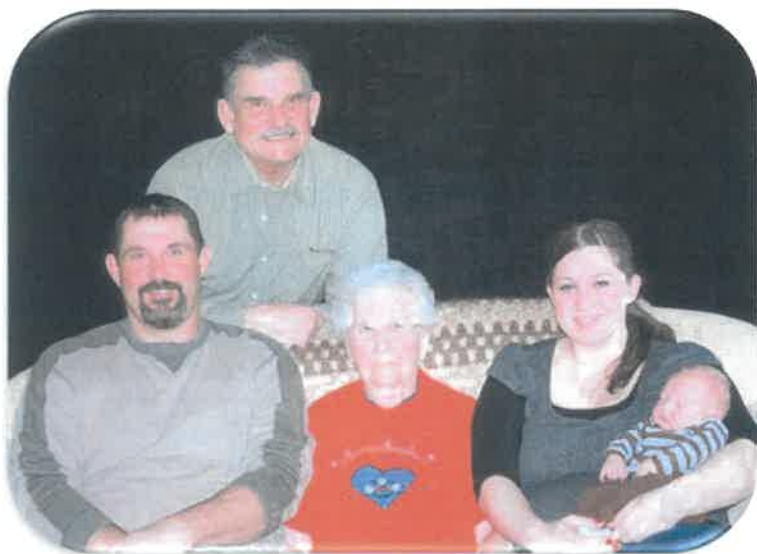
I enjoy gardening, working on my cars, and reading. I walk a lot and ride my bike when the weather permits. I still do some canoeing every summer and a few camping trips in a tent trailer. My wife and I enjoy following the Seahawks and going to Nascar races.

My wife still works, but we do a little traveling, staying in the Pacific Northwest and the west coast states. I also do a lot of shooting. I'm the local redneck with a rifle in the back of his old pickup truck.

I have always been very proud to say that I am a member of the Class of 1961. Also, I have a deep admiration for what my classmates have achieved.

Barbara passed away November 3, 2015

David Schwartz
1950 - 2010
Husband, Father, Grandfather
and Friend





Roberta's story . . .

WOW! 50 years--where has the time gone? I feel very blessed to have lived such a wonderful life since graduating from RHS, including the love and support of a terrific family, a career that I thoroughly enjoyed, and the love of my husband, Tom Cox, who is my very best friend.

After graduation, it was off to secretarial school, a job at Boeing in Seattle, college, and then 31 great years as a Business Teacher, Department Chairman, and Work Experience Coordinator at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, OR.

After my retirement, we moved to Sacramento for four years where my husband and I worked with a friend in a garage door business. It was then that we made a bold move--we sold the house, gave away most of our possessions, bought an RV (the Bubba Bus), plugged in the computers and the GPS, and hit the open road for the ultimate travel adventure. Our motto: "Follow the sun and never let Bubba see snow".

Almost seven years on the road has given us hundreds of fantastic experiences, and we have made many wonderful friends along the way, reconnecting with many down the road. Our travels have taken us to all but seven of the lower 48 (so far) and the four corners of the country from upstate New York to Key West to San Diego to the San Juan Islands. Full timing in an RV also provides the ability to visit our three children whenever we wish in Napa, CA, Miami, FL, and Phoenix, AZ, as well as our two beautiful granddaughters (Alana, age 20, Napa, CA) and (Susie, age 2, Phoenix, AZ).

Besides loving to explore new events, festivals, and different parts of the country, we are huge NASCAR fans (GO Kyle Busch), and also love college and pro football, reading, and computers. I am an avid paper crafter and enjoy making cards and scrapbooks for family and friends. Among our favorite travel adventures: NASCAR Coca-Cola 500 in Charlotte, NC, Key West, FL, a month exploring Washington DC, three months in Yellowstone, Bryce/Zion National Parks, Monument Valley, UT, Moab, UT, Black Hills of SD, Santa Fe, NM, New Orleans, Boston, and last but not least, Vegas.

This year, due to a great buyers' housing market and low interest rates, we decided to build a winter home in Arizona in addition to our rolling home on wheels. Nothing strikes fear in the hearts of men like an 80 year old senior citizen with poor vision, who can't hear, behind the wheel of a 40 foot, 44,000 pound motor home. So we decided we needed to have a backup plan in place when it was not longer viable to navigate the RV. We are enjoying our new stick-built home in Arizona during the winter, but we still look forward to heading out in Bubba in May for our next RV summer adventure, which we normally plan "on the fly".

We make several trips to Ritzville every year to visit my brother and his family and other friends. I feel blessed to still have my parents (ages 91 and 93), and we visit them in the Rose Garden as often as we can. I hope they can join us at the banquet this year so I can enjoy my 50th with my dad who is celebrating his 75th (RHS Class of '36).

My life has been great, and I look forward to many more fun and wonderful retirement years ahead. Tom and I still have a long bucket list, and we can hardly wait to cross off more items on our wish list of adventures. **LIFE IS GOOD!**

Richard & Patricia
with their family
August 2005
Pittsburgh, PA
July 2005



Passed away September 29, 2020



Elaine's story . . .

After graduating from WSU, I worked as an elementary school teacher in Auburn, WA, Okinawa, Germany, and Federal Way, WA. I retired in 2000.

Most of my teaching experience was spent in the first grade. I enjoyed first grade because it was easy to see so clearly what you accomplished during the year. I loved teaching my students to read.

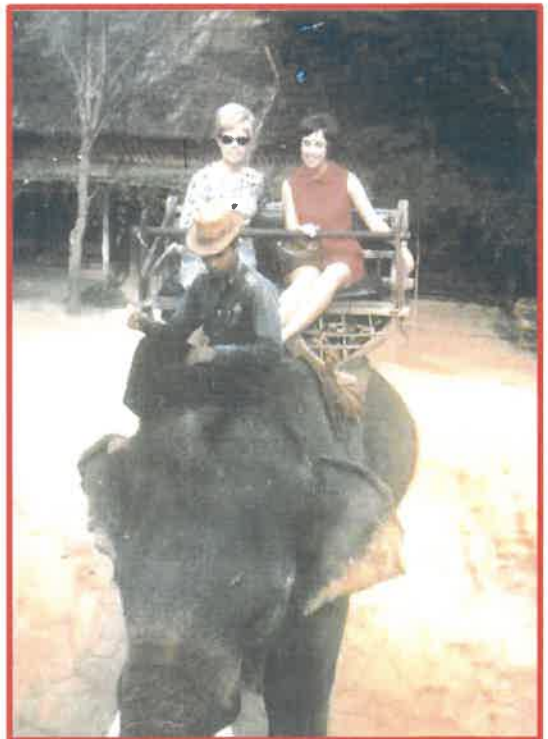
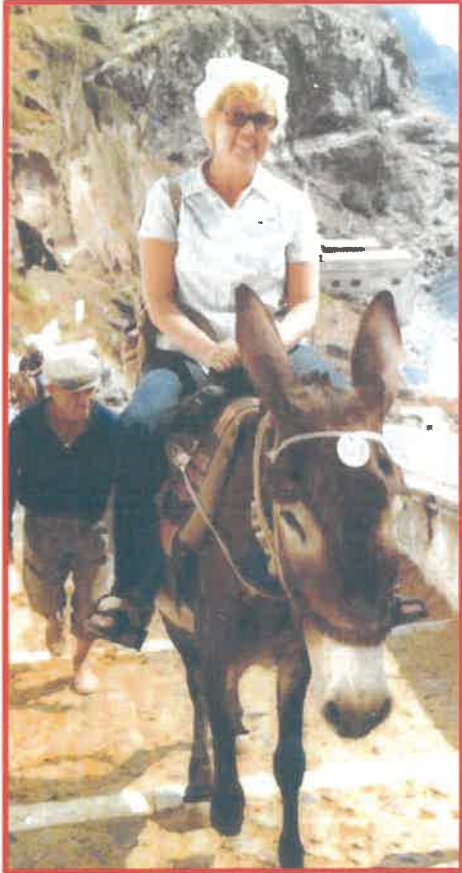
It's fun to run into former students now and to find out what they remember about me and our first grade activities. It amazes me how much they do remember. I treasure some letters from several young ladies telling me that I was an inspiration for them to become first grade teachers themselves.

I enjoy traveling and have visited many countries. While teaching in Okinawa, I spent time in several Asian countries. And during my time in Germany, I traveled to many European countries, Russia, and into a bit of Africa. I've returned to Europe three more times and enjoyed visiting relatives in Germany in 1998. I have taken several cruises and also traveled through about half of the United States.

I am enjoying my retirement. I have season tickets for a series of plays and the Seattle Symphony. I go to Mariners games and concerts. I enjoy volunteering, participating in church activities, and taking classes for fun. Now I'm taking classes in line dancing. I'm planning to visit each state in the U. S.



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Tom's story . . .

Fifty year reunion? Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that it has been ten years since we celebrated our 40th Reunion.

Cathy and I have been married for 13 years this past December. My stepsons, Kevin and Steve, live in Portland and Vancouver. My stepdaughter, Shannon, lives in Joshua Tree, CA. It is usually very, very warm there, and we love visiting at least once a year. My step-granddaughter, Kelsey, who is still beautiful, will be graduating from Portland State University in June.

Sadly, I lost both my parents and my stepfather between 2005 and 2006. Those were some emotionally tough times, but with lots of family support, I got through it.

In 2007 we built a new home on acreage east of Gresham and have enjoyed all of the aspects of putting in a new yard and home decorating.

In 2009 we bought a boat and have had lots of fun cruising on the river with friends and family and learning how to be boaters.

We have done some traveling to Hawaii, Mexico, California, Canada, and of course the beautiful State of Washington since that is where most of my relatives live!

Cousin Judy and I still have our ongoing bet each year on the WSU-OR games. And we all know how that is going!

As a career, coaching and swimming, has given me the opportunity to work with some wonderful young men and women. Even though I did not meet my 25 year reunion goal of placing a swimmer on the Olympic Team, my career of 32 years has taken me to many venues I would not have seen. It has given me the opportunity to walk three of my swimmers down the aisle; and on the negative side, caused me to attend several funerals for swimmers whose lives ended too early.

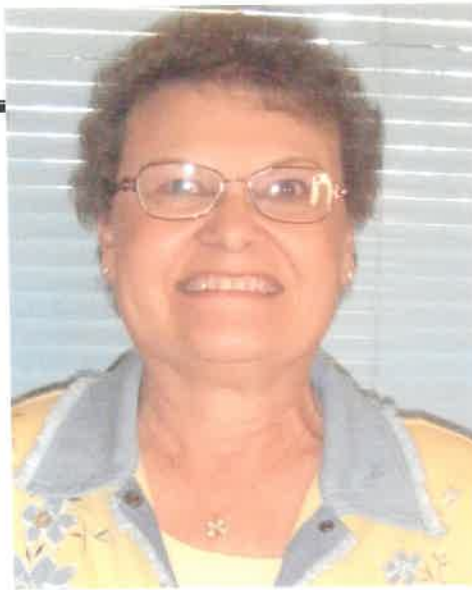
Even though I retired in 1998, up to a couple of years ago, I filled in coaching for some area swim teams. It was fun, but total retirement and leisure time is much better!

The 50th Reunion should be another good one, and I am looking forward to seeing all of my classmates!

Passed away March 3, 2017

Clayton L. Lindley
1944-2017
A life of love and
adventure





Leslie's story . . .

After graduating from Ritzville High School, I started my banking career in June 1961, working as a bookkeeper for National Bank of Commerce in Ritzville. After forty-seven years, I retired on June 30, 2008 from Wheatland Bank as Manager, Loan Officer, and Vice President.

On November 13, 1971, I married Dennis Adams and became the stepmother to his two children, Eva Marie and Troy Dion. Eva married Kole McCrady, and they have two children, Stef'ney and Brock. Troy married Terina White, and they have three children, Michael, Kimberly, and Shelbi.

On December 15, 1976, Denny and I became the parents of Clinton Dennis. Clint married Paula Paton on March 14, 2007, and on October 21, 2008, Gage Clinton was born in Pullman.

Denny passed away from liver cancer on February 15, 2005. He didn't get to see the marriage of Clint to Paula though he did get to know her in their many visits to our home in early 2005. Denny wasn't here for the birth of his last grandchild, Gage, and his two great-grandchildren, Ashton Blake Cousins and Chole Raine Dion.

The year 2008 was the best--I retired from banking for the life of the free, became a grandmother to Gage, and was honored by the Ritzville Festivals Association by being selected as Grand Marshall for the Ritzville Community Parade.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends; Tom Selleck movies; reading; yard work (because I have to); my cats; collecting Precious Moment figurines that depict events in Clint's life; feeding and watching the birds from my sunroom; my windmill; and my home in Ritzville. I still live on the VanVleet farm.

Now I hope to travel more including trips to Garfield, Washington, to see Gage, read more, eat less, exercise more, visit friends more, shop less, etc., etc. But, tomorrow is another day.

I send all my love and best to my classmates. It seems hard to believe that we have been out of school for fifty years.

THE KATHY AND
JOHN BROWN
WEDDING
JANUARY 14, 1964
AT THE
ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI





Elaine's story . . .

After graduation, in September of 1961 I started nurses training at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. It only took three years to get a diploma in those days, and I graduated in June.

I got married in August of 1964 and moved to San Francisco. It was a culture shock for sure. I always have to smile when I think about paying \$120 for a furnished one bedroom apartment plus \$5 for the garage in San Francisco. No one that is younger than I can believe anything in San Francisco was that "cheap".

After about a year, we moved to Santa Rosa, CA. My two children were born there. After my daughter was born, I went to work on the night shift. The hours were 11:00 P.M. until 7:30 A.M. I discovered I loved the shift. It worked for my family, and I stayed on that shift for the rest of my career.

We moved to Auburn, CA in June of 1980. I love it here. The weather is good, we are close to Reno, skiing, fishing, and San Francisco is only 130 miles away.

I was divorced in 1982 and have remained single. My daughter, Alicia, is a nurse. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. My son, John, is a fire fighter. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in fire science. I tell you this because I am very proud of them. They each have two children and part of the joy of retirement is being able to spend more time with them.

After being on the job for 45 years, I retired on December 7, 2009. I spent the last ten years of my career as the Administrative Supervisor, on the night shift, at Sutter Roseville Medical Center. It is a trauma center with a heliport. I was busy but I truly enjoyed my job.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to do a little traveling. My favorite trip was to Nairobi, Kenya. I enjoyed it enough that I would love to go again. I have seen southern China and been on a cruise through the Greek Islands. The Parthenon in Athens is an incredible sight and worth the climb to see it up close. Too many places to mention, but needless to say, I have had a wonderful life and good fortune. I don't think I would trade any part of it.

I have discovered one problem since I retired. I find I don't know what day of the week it is. It's a nice feeling in some ways, but embarrassing when you go look for the newspaper on Saturday morning and you don't get a newspaper on Saturday! I am also much busier than I used to be. My calendar is full, and I look forward to each new day.

Elaine Fracchia
1947-2017
A loving mother, wife,
and friend
will be missed





Laura June's story . . .

After graduating from Ritzville High School in 1961, I married Paul Schafer, and together we had two daughters, Monica Tillman, 47, and Linda Allen, 46. With my second husband, Darryel Leno, I had my third child, a son, Peter, 36.

I married Gene Schell, my high school sweetheart, on November 10, 1984, and became the stepmother to two more sons, Gene Schell II, 40, and Jacob Schell, 36.

I have 18 grandchildren: 8 boys and 10 girls that are from 2 years to 30 years in age. I have 6 great-grandchildren, 3 girls and 3 boys, ages 1 year to 8 years.

I have two college degrees: one in Cardio Pulmonary from Seattle Community College and the other in Psychology from Alaska Pacific University. I have worked in the paramedical field in various capacities in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, and private duty home care. I also have a sewing alteration business.

When Gene was a long haul truck driver, I traveled with him and have been to all but four USA states. He had to give up this job he loved due to ill health. In July of 2006 he passed away.

Retirement doesn't seem to be in my dictionary and neither does an empty nest. Both have kept me very busy. When I lived in Alaska for 17½ years, I loved it!! Gene and I returned to Ritzville for family reasons. Someday I hope to either return to Alaska or just travel.



Cathy Jane Wells Nelson
1954 - 2014
Born: June 1, 1954
Died: April 1, 2014
Age: 59 years





Truman's story . . .

What has happened since 1961? Here goes . . . After graduation, I went to Kinman Business University for a year, along with Bob Schoessler. We had a pretty good time in Spokane that year.

In the fall of 1962, I started working for the Old National Bank of Washington. I believe Leslie was already working for the National Bank of Commerce bank. In 1964, I moved to Harrington to become Assistant Branch Manager for ONB. It was during that year that "Uncle Sam" came calling on Bob and me. Bob got lucky, and was sent home. In January of 1965, the dreaded letter from the President came, and I spent two years in the Army. Left for Missouri for four months and then to California for five months.

In August of 1965, the worst orders of all came—Viet Nam--for a year. I served in two different locations over the course of the year. I did get to visit Thailand, Guam, and the Philippines during my tour. My year was up, and I was fortunate to come home, unlike so many who did not. May we never forget!

September of 1966 came around, and I was sent to Atlanta upon my return from Viet Nam. I quickly became the black sheep of the family as I elected to stay in Georgia. I was discharged from the Army in 1967 and went to work for a large Atlanta bank. During this time, I met and married my wife. I began attending Georgia State University at night and graduated in 1973 with a BS degree. Sometime in 1967 or 1968, Dale K. stayed with me for two days while he was in the Air Force--remember that Dale?

Over the next few years, I changed banks a few times, furthering my career. In 1973, we adopted our daughter, who was one month old at the time. We named her Ashley Robin Wellsandt, and she is the joy of our lives. In 1978, the job I had hoped for became a reality--CEO of a large Savings & Loan Bank in Cartersville, GA, where I live today.

My wife and I divorced after almost twenty years of marriage. Then in 1986, my banking career ended after 25 years due to a buy out and the fact that the Savings & Loan industry came crashing down.

I stayed in Cartersville and began working in the carpet industry. Our daughter was a teenager and would soon be graduating from high school. As fate would have it, I met Martha, and we were married in December of 1987. We are celebrating our 23rd anniversary this year. Ashley, our daughter, went to Valdosta State University and is now regional coordinator for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She and her husband, Jason, and their daughter, Addison, who just turned five, live in Valdosta. Needless to say, we are on I-75 South quite a bit to visit. Ironically, Mom died on February 9, 2006, and Addison, our granddaughter, was born five hours later! We had grief and joy on opposite ends of the country. Ashley is pregnant with our second granddaughter who will be born on February 22nd.

From 1987 to 1995, I worked in the carpet industry and was CEO of an outlet store in Dalton, GA. I then went to work for Shaw Industries as a cost accountant.

After leaving Shaw Industries, I became involved in the preservation of old buildings (built in the 1800's and 1900's) in downtown Cartersville. We formed a contracting corporation, and I worked for a friend of mine who was our real estate closing attorney at the bank. He owns 28 old buildings in the downtown area. After 14 years of restoring these beautiful buildings back to their original grandeur, it came to an end in 2008. I am retired, but still do small improvement jobs on the side.

Martha and I have had a blessed life. We have an extraordinary family and enjoy spending time with them. We are active in our church and community. We enjoy vacationing on the Gulf of Mexico in Orange Beach, AL--our little piece of heaven. Even BP couldn't spoil our trips there. Our hope is to one day own a condo and spend even more time there with family and friends. My days are spent doing things around the house from a long list. I especially enjoy working in our yard, playing golf, meeting my friends for lunch each day, and taking life a bit easier. Each day we are thankful for what God has given us. All in all, it's been a wonderful "ride".

Passed away December 29, 2014

Priscilla Wellenoff
1940 - 2020
"Prissy" Wellenoff
wellenoff@comcast.net





Armand's story . . .

I moved to Spokane after my freshman year at Ritzville and attended Rogers High School, graduating in 1961. I then attended WSU in Pullman, graduating with a degree in Pharmacy. I worked in Spokane from graduation until retirement three years ago.

My wife, Marilyn, and I have four children: Todd, 45; Leslie, 44; Dave, 42; and Jodi, deceased. We have nine grandchildren, seven boys and two girls.

I took a trip with my dad in 1990. We traveled to England, France, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and Italy. My wife and I have also been to Ireland.

I don't take many pictures but am including one of myself and my wife, Marilyn. This was taken when we were in Ireland last summer. I went and looked in my box of college goodies and found this picture of Jeanne Pfann and myself. You can embarrass us both if you like.

Thank you for including me in your 50th class reunion.



Spencer & Susan
May 1992
A Special Photo
of a Special Couple





Larse's story . . .

I enlisted in the US Coast Guard and was stationed in Alameda, CA for what turned out to be for the duration. I spent six months on a ship, the remainder at the base.

My wife, Annette, and I were married in May 1967 in San Francisco, CA. We honeymooned at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. We have been married 44 years this May. We bought our first car, a 1968 Pontiac Tempest, and made several trips up home during my enlistment. I was discharged January 11, 1969, from active duty and served two years inactive duty. Our only child, a daughter, Theresa, was born in March of 1969.

We moved to Santa Cruz, CA after the service and lived there for 27 years. I had a job working in an oceanic laboratory. In 1980 I began working in Sunnyvale, CA for a small electronics machine sub-assembly plant as Production Manager. We eventually moved to San Jose, CA in 1996.

We moved to Reno, NV in February 2002 where we built a house in the Spanish Springs area. We have had two Dachshunds, both rescues: Molly, our first, for eight years and Lenny for almost a year now. He has fit into our lives very well.

We are not retired. I work as Home Depot in the Electrical Department as Department Head. Annette works for Walgreen's stores as the Hallmark card specialist, and Theresa works part-time for the Washoe County Library system.

Theresa has always lived with us. She has been in ill health for many years due to Endometriosis. After 22 years of suffering and four bouts in the hospital from September 2010 to November 2010, she has had a hysterectomy and colon reconstruction. The Endo had reached Stage 4. We nearly lost her. Alas, no grandchildren.

They say the retirement years are the grandest years of life. I take umbrage with that. Annette has bad arthritis in both hands. When I turned 65, I fell apart. It was quite a shock. For years up to and past my 50th birthday, I felt invincible. I was totally unprepared for what was to befall me within just a few weeks of my 65th. Almost immediately, I was diagnosed with Prostate cancer, A-fibrillation, and male lupus. The lupus I will have the rest of my life. I had 46 (9 locations) external beam radiation treatments for the cancer. The current reading on the cancer is less than 0.1 (considered unreadable). The A-fib has required a great number of blood tests and medications. I am a walking drugstore. I also have sleep apnea which may or may not have caused the A-fib. I am on a BIPAP machine at night.

The only traveling we have done is local except for two trips to Mexico while in the service, one trip to Canada, and vacationing once in Hawaii with the family. Not exactly world travelers.

Earl Edwin Granberg
1918 - 2008
Born May 14, 1918
Died May 12, 2008
Buried in the family plot





TJ's story . . .

After graduation from Lewis & Clark High School, I came back to Ritzville to swim with the Ritzville swim team the summer of 1961. It was a very productive summer with the culmination being invited to and going to the U.S. Nationals in Los Angeles with Tom Baumann and our coach Benner Cummings.

I attended WSU for brief time in 1962.

In October of 1963, I joined the Navy. I went to a service school and went into the fleet as an Interior Communication Electrician. Spent the last two years off the coast of Viet Nam. I was discharged in July of 1967 and returned to Spokane.

I had met my wife while in the service. She was my next door neighbor but was married at the time. When I got back to Spokane, she was now single with two children, Greg and SeDonni. We started dating, and in October of 1968 we married. Thomas was born in May of 1969 and Casey arrived in August of 1970.

I got a temporary job in the gas department of The Washington Water Power in August of 1967 and became a permanent employee in September. I worked 14 years in the water department until the company sold it to a utility from Pennsylvania. Fortunately, the company was building a power plant in Kettle Falls. I interviewed for a job as an auxiliary operator and started training for the position in July of 1982. I moved the family to the area shortly after that. The plant went commercial in October of 1983. In 1987 I became a control operator. I worked at the Kettle Falls Generating Station for 21 years until I retired on January 1, 2003.

In September of 2003, my wife and I moved back to Spokane to be closer to the children and relatives.

Greg, our oldest, has been in the Coast Guard for 26 years. Michele is his wife and Jennifer, now 16, is our only grandchild. SeDonni is divorced and living with me while she works on her Masters Degree in social work. She will receive her degree this May. Thomas (Tom) is a construction electrician in Las Vegas. Laurie is his wife with a daughter from a previous marriage. Casey is flying for Virgin America. He has been a commercial pilot for about 10 years. Thida is his wife.

In June of 2007, my wife was diagnosed with lung cancer. After a courageous battle, she finally succumbed to the disease on December 20, 2007. She was a wonderful woman, loving mother, and I miss her company. We were married for 39 years.

I took up golf when I was 55 and love the game. I've managed to get my handicap down to 18 and plan to lower it this summer.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Passed away February 4, 2014

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Lynn's Story

After leaving high school, I went to Portland, OR, where I went to beauty school. After finishing beauty school, I decided I wanted to become a high stylist, so I went to Las Vegas and took some high styling courses. After receiving my license in Nevada, I went to work on the strip, working on show girls. If you ever went to a show in Las Vegas in the 60's, you probably saw some of my work.

When the Viet Nam war broke out, I joined the merchant marines taking military goods into Viet Nam from all over the world. I have been around the world twice and to 13 different countries.

After coming home from the war, I met a girl and we got married. We were married for forty-two years, and we have six wonderful children. After getting married, I decided I did not want to stay with styling hair because I did not like the name that went with it. So, I went to body and fender school, and I followed that trade until we moved.

We lived in the Portland - Vancouver area until 1989, and then moved to Salt Lake City, UT, where I bought a trucking company. I also started up a commercial sand blasting and painting company.

I have tried to retire several times but find it very difficult. I need to stay busy doing something.

A new love came into my life last year, and we got married on November 20, 2010.

I have done a lot of different things and owned a lot of businesses, some very successful and some not so successful.

The Lord has blessed me with good health and a wonderful family. After looking back over my life and what I have accomplished, I would have to say that my biggest accomplishment is my children. I have six children, five boys and one girl. All live here in the Salt Lake valley. All are best friends and none have ever been in any kind of trouble. None of my kids have ever smoked, drank, or done drugs. If this sounds like I am bragging, well I guess I am. I also have twelve grandchildren. I feel I am the luckiest man alive.

The saddest day of my life was when I lost my fifteen year old son, Tim. Tim was rock climbing in Little Cottonwood Canyon with his little brother when he lost his footing and fell to his death. I thought my world was going to come to an end. I believe, because of Tim, our whole family became closer together and now are best friends; and I know that is what Tim would have wanted.

Report Card
 Mr. Lynn is a very
 good teacher. He is a very
 experienced teacher and a
 very good person to be around.





Sally's story . . .

I have been a homemaker since high school. I married Ken Gust from Lind. In October we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at Coeur d'Alene, ID on the lake with our family and had a fun day.

We have three children. Nancy Weber is 48 and has two children: Jennifer (28) and Brandon (25). Susan Dewald is 46 and has two boys and one girl: Travis (22), Stacey (19), and Jake (17). Last year our son, Mike, became the father of a boy, Garrett. He is walking all over and what fun.

Ken retired from farming last year so we have more time for travel. We seem just as busy as before with not enough hours in a day.



South Linn High School
Class of 2000
Senior Class Photo
Taken at the home of
the senior class president
on Friday, May 12, 2000





Claudia's story . . .

My story...well its pretty middle of the road stuff.

I married my next door neighbor right out of high school (turning down a full scholarship--how dumb is that!).

But, I did have a great job with the AEC before I began having babies and becoming a stay at home mom. Speaking of babies, mine are Denise, Jon, and Cami. Denise gave us three grandchildren: Samantha, from Korea, Jack and Hunter, twins; Jon presented us with Selina and Dakota; and Cami gave us four more, Hannah, Luke, Andrew, and Finn.

When my last child, Cami, was two in 1972, I trained to be an orthodontic assistant, and remained in that field for 22 years, progressing to office management the last 13 years.

Dennis and I enjoyed nearly 47 years of marriage before he died in 2007.

Life has been good since high school days with marriage and children. I enjoy my grandchildren, traveling, and being active in my local church. I also enjoy activities that include tennis, golf, biking, volunteering, writing, and life in general!

How I wish I could be with you guys, but with a recent trip to Israel, the ol' pocketbook says no! Have fun and enjoy all those wonderful memories! Hugs to all!

Photo of the family
from the 1970s
taken at the home of
the family in
the 1970s





Jim's story . . .

As I sit here thinking about my life, it brings back memories of my family and friends I've lost along the way, the good, the bad, and did I achieve the goals that I set for myself.

My wife, Linda, and I were blessed with two daughters. Pam, the oldest, and then Julie, who gave us one granddaughter, Ashley. We're very proud of them all.

Hobbies throughout my life were fast cars (never could get one to go fast enough), hunting, and trapshooting. I still do trapshooting and was lucky enough to get inducted into the Washington State Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame.

Technology has become my worst enemy 'cause I don't want it but need it, and I'm old enough to think I know better. An example of this happened with a new pickup I bought with the keyless entry and remote start on the key. Well let's try this remote out--so I started the pickup with it, climbed in, and put the key in the ignition. Then I tried to put it in gear, but it wouldn't go 'cause I didn't turn the key on. Then, I had ask how to get this !!!!thing in gear. Well, it got quite a laugh and reminded me instructions and technology are also made for old enough guys like me.

At this time I'm still farming and haven't decided when to retire.

Hope you and yours are doing well, and we'll see you in May.



Don Schmitt
1950 - 2010
Don Schmitt
1950 - 2010
Don Schmitt





John's story . . .

I was born November 22, 1942, in Seattle. My family moved to the farm near Ritzville when I was two. My parents, now deceased, also had my sisters: Millie, now 70 and widowed living in Seattle, and Jeanne 66, married with three grown children and living in Coeur d'Alene.

My family moved to the Spokane Valley in 1956 after I finished 8th grade. I attended Greenacres Junior High in 9th grade then Central Valley High School, graduating in 1961. I played center and center linebacker on the varsity and got my two front teeth knocked out in the process. There were 300-plus students in my graduation class. I was elected Class President for all four years.

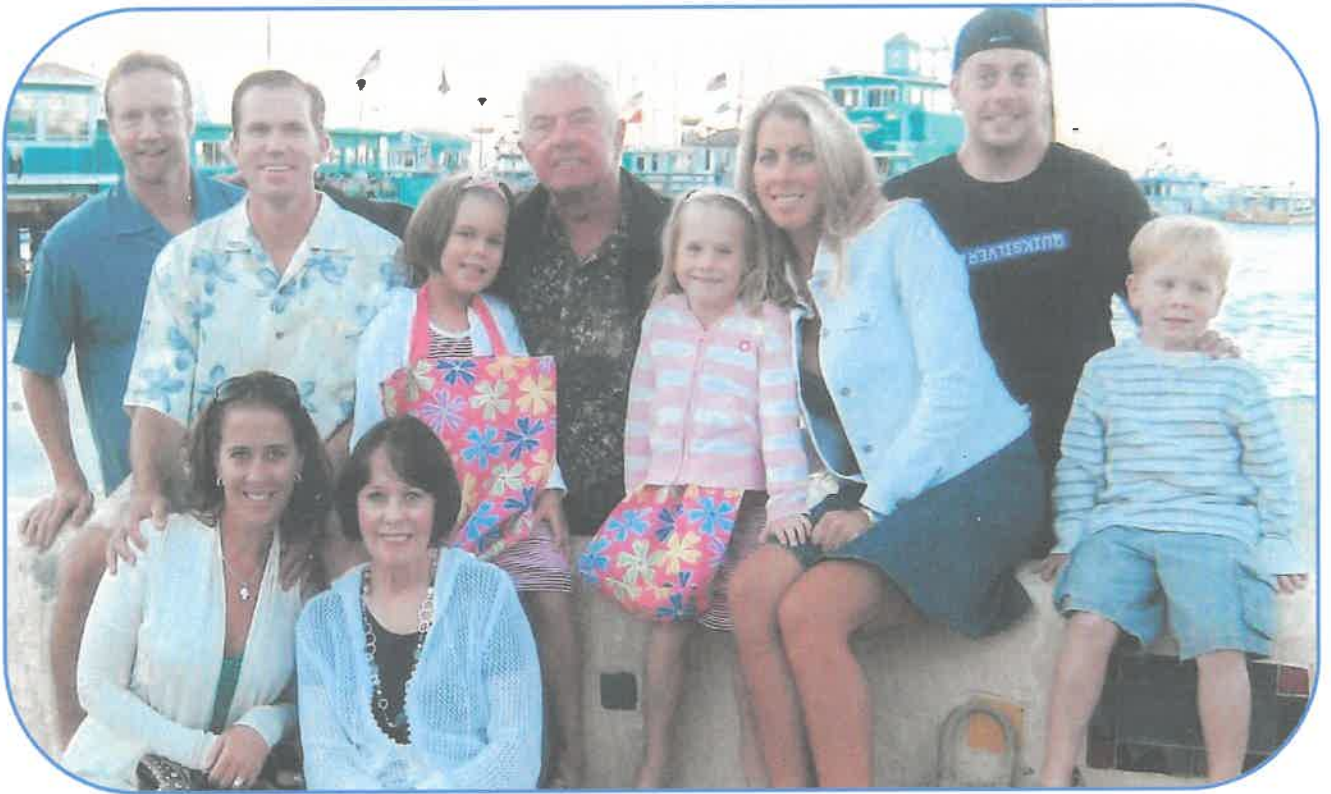
I attended Oregon State University on a Navy ROTC scholarship and graduated with a Business Administration Degree in 1965. I was simultaneously commissioned Ensign, USN and was sent directly to flight training in Pensacola, FL earning my Wings in late 1966. I made two combat cruises piloting F-4 Phantoms off the USS Kittyhawk from late 1967 through late 1969, accumulating 201 combat missions over North VietNam. In 1970 and 1971, I was a flight instructor in the Phantom at Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

Dawnelle and I were married in San Diego in September of 1969, and we celebrated our 41st anniversary last year. I'm now pretty much retired, and we greatly enjoy our three children and three grandchildren, all local.

I serve on several boards and life is great. Still play some tennis, sail, and play a lot of bridge.

Thanks for this memorable reunion (54 years for me!) and for allowing a "deserter" to reminisce.

John & Mary
1960-1965
Hawaii
1965-1970
1970-1975
1975-1980
1980-1985
1985-1990
1990-1995
1995-2000
2000-2005
2005-2010
2010-2015
2015-2020
2020-2025
2025-2030
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2065-2070
2070-2075
2075-2080
2080-2085
2085-2090
2090-2095
2095-2100





BOX OFFICE FAVORITES

Rock Hudson

LIZ
TAYLOR

JOHN
WAYNE

Jerry Lewis

DORIS
DAY

TONY
CURTIS

CARY
GRANT

Elvis Presley

WILLIAM
HOLDEN

SANDRA
DEE



What's On Television

Adventures In Paradise
The Adventures Of Ozzie
& Harriet

Alfred Hitchcock
Presents

The Americans

The Andy Griffith Show

The Asphalt Jungle

Bachelor
Father

Bonanza

Bronco

Candid
Camera

Cheyenne

Concentration

The Danny Thomas Show

Dennis The Menace

The Detectives Starring
Robert Taylor

The Dinah Shore Show

The Donna Reed Show

The Ed Sullivan Show

Father Knows Best

Five Star Jubilee

The Flintstones

Gunsmoke

Have Gun-Will Travel

Hawaiian Eye

Hennesey

Holiday Lodge

I've Got A Secret

The Jack Benny Show

Laramie

Lassie

The Lawrence Welk Show

Leave It To Beaver

The Many Loves Of
Dobie Gillis

Maverick

Meet The Press

My Three Sons

Naked City

National Velvet

One Happy Family

Outlaws

The Perry Como Show

Perry Mason

Pete And Gladys

The Price Is Right

Rawhide

The Real McCoys

The Red Skelton Show

The Rifleman

Route 66

77 Sunset Strip

Surfside 6

Tales Of Wells Fargo

The Third Man

Thriller

To Tell The Truth

The 20th Century

The Twilight Zone

The Untouchables

Wagon Train

Walt Disney's Wonderful
World Of Color

What's My Line

Whispering
Smith



Bonanza



Rawhide



Bob Serling
The
Twilight
Zone

Fred
MacMurray
My Three
Sons



Lassie



James
Garner
Maverick

1961 Popular Songs

A Hundred Pounds Of Clay	Gene McDaniels
Ain't That Just Like A Woman	Fats Domino
Blue Moon	The Marveles
Breakin' In A Brand New Broken Heart	Connie Francis
Calendar Girl	Neil Sedaka
Calcutta	Louise Welch
Cinderella	Paul Anka
Crazy	Patsy Cline
Crying	Ray Orbison
Daddy's Home	Shep and The Limelites
Dance On Little Girl	Paul Anka
Dedicated To The One I Love	The Shirelles
Everlovin'	Ricky Nelson
Every Beat Of My Heart	Gladys Knight And The Pips
Flaming Star	Elvis Presley
Fool #1	Brenda Lee
Frankie And Johnny	Brook Benton
Good Time Baby	Bobby Rydell
Goodbye Cruel World	James Darren
Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen	Neil Sedaka
Hello Mary Lou	Ricky Nelson
Hit The Road Jack	Ray Charles
I Fall To Pieces	Patsy Cline
I Just Don't Understand	Ann-Margret
I Like It Like That	Chris Kenner
I'll Never Smile Again	The Platters
I'm Comin' On Back To You	Janie Wilson
It Keeps Rainin'	Fats Domino
Lazy River	Bobby Darin
Let's Twist Again	Chubby Checker
Letter Full Of Tears	Gladys Knight And The Pips
The Lion Sleeps Tonight	The Tokens
Little Devil	Neil Sedaka
Little Sister	Elvis Presley
Mama Said	The Shirelles
Michael	The Highwaymen
Nature Boy	Bobby Darin

POPULAR MUSIC

Never On Sunday	The Chordettes
One Mint Julep	Ray Charles
Please Mr. Postman	The Marvelettes
Please Tell Me Why	Janie Wilson
Pretty Little Angel Eyes	Curtis Lee
Quarter To Three	Gary "U.S." Bonds
Raindrops	Des Clark
Rock-A-Bye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody	Aretha Franklin
Runaround Sue	Dion
Runaway	Del Shannon
September In The Rain	Dinah Washington
Shop Around	Sammy Robinson And The Miracles
Some Kind Of Wonderful	The Drifters
Stand By Me	Ben E. King
Take Five	Dave Brubeck Quartet
Take Good Care Of My Baby	Bobby Vee
Temptation	The Everly Brothers
Together	Connie Francis
Tonight My Love, Tonight	Paul Anka
Transistor Sister	Freddie "Boon- Boon" Cannon
Travelin' Man	Ricky Nelson
True, True Love	Frankie Avalon
The Watusi	The Vibrations
The Way You Look Tonight	The Lettermen
What A Party	Fats Domino
What'd I Say	Jerry Lee Lewis
Where The Boys Are	Connie Francis
Who Put The Bomp In The Bomp, Bomp, Bomp	Barry Mann
Will You Love Me Tomorrow?	The Shirelles
You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby	Bobby Darin

WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!



GRAMMY

AWARDS

Held in 1962

Song Of The Year

Moon River
Henry Mancini & Johnny Mercer,
songwriters

Record Of The Year

Moon River
Henry Mancini

Album Of The Year

Judy At Carnegie Hall
Judy Garland

Best Rock 'n' Roll Recording

Let's Twist Again
Chubby Checker

Best Rhythm & Blues Recording

Hit The Road Jack
Ray Charles

Best Jazz Performance, Large Group

West Side Story
Stan Kenton

Best Country & Western Performance

Big Bad John
Jimmy Dean

Best Folk Performance

*The Belafonte Folk Singers
At Home And Abroad*
The Belafonte Folk Singers

Best Spoken Word Recording

Humor In Music
Leonard Bernstein

Best Comedy Recording

*An Evening With Mike
Nichols And Elaine May*
Mike Nichols & Elaine May

Best Soundtrack Album - Original Cast

West Side Story

Best Soundtrack Album - Score

Breakfast At Tiffany's

Folksy Corner

What Did You Say He Said?

BOB DYLAN,

a rather disheveled
young, talented man
with a compelling
stage presence, makes
his debut at the
hallowed Gerde's
Folk City in New
York's Greenwich Village.

20-year-old folk singer **JOAN BAEZ**
completes her first extended tour, which
focuses primarily on college campuses,
and her first two solo albums released by
Vanguard enjoy immediate hit status.

The Day The Singing Died

Objecting to folk singers on the grounds
that they are an undesirable element, the
collective folk voice generally heard in
Greenwich Village's Washington Square is
silenced after a decree by Park
Commissioner and liberal Republican
Newbold Morris that there would be no
more singing.

Here's Tommy And Dickie

THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS are
appearing at the posh Blue Angel where
their satirical folk music and brotherly
banter is sure to make you laugh.

OY COULD THAT LADY SING

MAHALIA JACKSON

performs her gospel
music to a packed,
mesmerized audience
in Tel Aviv's main
auditorium.



Three tunes written by **WILLIE
NELSON** hit the charts — *Crazy*,
Funny How Time Slips Away and
Hello Walls.

THE COST OF THINGS.

UNDER \$1.00

Address Labels (500)	\$.25
Aluminum Foil	.49
Band-Aids	.69
Broom	.98
Car Wash	.75
Mouthwash	.49
Paper Towels	.31

UNDER \$1.00

Pillowcase	\$.99
Soap	.05
Stud Finder	.50
Tissues	.29
Toothpaste	.53
Washcloth	.39

FOOD

Angel Food Cake	\$.59
Apple Sauce (16 oz.)	.10
Apples (lb.)	.10
Artichokes (each)	.10
Avocados (each)	.19
Bananas (lb.)	.10
Bell Peppers (lb.)	.15
Bread (loaf)	.19
Butter (lb.)	.69
Cake Mix	.29
Cantaloupe (lb.)	.05
Celery (lb.)	.07
Cheddar Cheese (lb.)	.65
Coffee (lb.)	.49
Cola	.10
Corn on the Cob (each)	.05

FOOD

Cottage Cheese (pint)	\$.25
Crackers (lb.)	.27
Cucumbers (each)	.05
Eggs (dz.)	.45
Grapes (lb.)	.19
Ice Cream (1/2 gallon)	.69
Lemons (lb.)	.10
Lettuce (head)	.10
Mayonnaise (qt.)	.39
Nectarines (lb.)	.10
Oranges (lb.)	.10
Peaches (lb.)	.10
Peanut Butter (lb.)	.39
Peas (lb.)	.10
Pineapple (lb.)	.10
Pound Cake	.49

Americans spend approximately \$2 billion on toys this year.

FOR MEN

Basketball	\$ 8.45
Briefs	1.25
Electric Shaver	24.95
Golf Cart	39.95
Slacks	17.75-24.50
Sport Shirt	7.95
Stetson Hat	15.95
Suit	55.00-135.00
Swim Trunks	5.95
T-Shirt	1.50

FOR THE HOME

Clock Radio	\$ 24.95
Diapers (dZ.)	1.98
Dryer	168.77
Electric Blanket	28.00
Fallout Shelter	150.00
Folding Chair	9.95
Hamper	8.95
Ironing Board	8.88
LPs	4.98
Paint (gallon)	6.69
Percolator (12 cup)	22.86
Pressure Cooker	12.95
Refrigerator	199.95
Scales	3.99
Screwdriver	2.00
Shower Curtain	4.00

THE HIGH COST OF WAR

Arms, yearly (America)	\$46 billion
Arms, hourly (world)	14 million
Arms, yearly, per person (world)	40.00

FOR WOMEN

Bra	\$ 3.95
Crepe Dress	19.95
Evan Picone Suit Jacket	35.00
Evan Picone Suit Skirt	30.00
Irish Linen Jacket	14.95
Lipstick	2.00
Nail Polish	.95
Nylons	1.15-1.65
Shoes	8.95-14.95
Sunglasses	1.98

FOR THE HOME

Steam Iron	\$ 15.99
Stepladder	2.99
Sterling Silver Candlesticks	8.98
Television (19")	199.95
Washing Machine	248.77
Water Heater (20 gallon)	43.97
Wrench	1.75

HOUSING

3-bedroom house in:	
Venice, CA	\$ 15,500
Topanga Canyon, CA	17,000
Princeton, NJ	19,500
Marina del Rey, CA	21,500
Teaneck, NJ	26,000
Stamford, CT	28,500

WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!

NOW PLAYING IN THEATERS

A Majority Of One	The Hoodlum Priest	Return To Peyton Place
A Raisin In The Sun	The Hustler	Ring Of Fire
A Taste Of Honey	The Innocents	The Roman Spring Of Mrs. Stone
The Absent-Minded Professor	Judgment At Nuremberg	Romanoff And Juliet
All Hands On Deck	King Of Kings	Sail A Crooked Ship
All In A Night's Work	The Ladies Man	Sanctuary
Angel Baby	Lafayette	Scream Of Fear
Atlantis, The Lost Continent	The Last Time I Saw Archie	The Second Time Around
Babes In Toyland	Lover Come Back	Seven Women From Hell
Bachelor In Paradise	Master Of The World	Snow White And The Three Stooges
Blue Hawaii	The Misfits	Splendor In The Grass
Breakfast At Tiffany's	Misty	Summer And Smoke
By Love Possessed	Mysterious Island	Susan Slade
Circle Of Deception	The Naked Edge	Two Loves
The Comancheros	Nefertiti, Queen Of The Nile	Two Rode Together
Come September	On The Double	Two Women
Cry For Happy	101 Dalmations	Underworld U.S.A.
David And Goliath	One, Two, Three	Viridiana
The Devil At 4 O'Clock	One-Eyed Jacks	Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea
El Cid	The Outsider	West Side Story
The Errand Boy	The Parent Trap	Whistle Down The Wind
Flower Drum Song	Paris Blues	Wild In The Country
Francis Of Assisi	Parrish	X-15
Gidget Goes Hawaiian	The Pit And The Pendulum	The Young Doctors
Go Naked In The World	The Pleasure Of His Company	The Young Savages
Gordon, The Black Pirate	Pocketful Of Miracles	
The Guns Of Navarone	Portrait Of A Mobster	
The Honeymoon Machine		

The Academy Awards



Oscars Presented in 1961 *(for 1960 films)*

BEST PICTURE

The Apartment

BEST ACTOR

BURT LANCASTER, *Elmer Gantry*

BEST ACTRESS

ELIZABETH TAYLOR, *Butterfield 8*

BEST DIRECTOR

BILLY WILDER, *The Apartment*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

PETER USTINOV, *Spartacus*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

SHIRLEY JONES, *Elmer Gantry*

BEST SONG

"NEVER ON SUNDAY"

Never On Sunday



Elizabeth Taylor

Oscars Presented in 1962 *(for 1961 films)*

BEST PICTURE

West Side Story

BEST ACTOR

MAXIMILIAN SCHILL,
Judgment At Nuremberg

BEST ACTRESS

SOPHIA LOREN, *Two Women*

BEST DIRECTOR

ROBERT WISE, JEROME ROBBINS,
West Side Story

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

GEORGE CHAKIRIS, *West Side Story*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

RITA MORENO, *West Side Story*

BEST SONG

"MOON RIVER"

Breakfast At Tiffany's



Sophia Loren

FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945

WE ARE SURVIVORS!!!

CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED . . .

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees, and the PILL.

We were born before radar, credit cards, split-atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before pantyhose, dish washers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

The definition of "bunnies" were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought that fast food was what you ate during Lent.

We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, and dual careers. We were before daycare centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings.

For us time-sharing meant togetherness--not computers or condominiums, a "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940 "made in Japan" meant JUNK, and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizza, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for 5 and 10 cents. The Pastime and Emerson Drug sold ice cream for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one! A pity, too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a soft drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex changes; we made do with that which we had. And we were the last generation that thought you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we seem so confused !!

BUT WE HAVE SURVIVED.

WHAT BETTER REASON TO CELEBRATE!



1942

TOP HEADLINES:

The U. S. begins moving west coast Japanese Americans into inland internment camps.

Due to the war effort, rationing is placed in effect on dozens of items, ranging from sugar to gasoline.

The Emergency Price Control Act goes into effect to stop price hikes.

TOP SONGS:

"Serenade in Blue" - Glen Miller

"Tangerine" - Jimmy Dorsey

"Jingle, Jangle, Jingle" - Kay Kyser

"Sleepy Lagoon" - Harry James

"White Christmas" - Bing Crosby

"Jersey Bounce" - Benny Goodman

"Blues in the Night" - Woody Herman

"A String of Pearls" - Glenn Miller

PRICES:

House - \$7,573.00

Car - \$1,100.00

Milk - \$.60

Gas - \$.16

Bread - \$.09

Postage Stamp - \$.03

Average Income - \$1,231.00

ACADEMY AWARDS:

Best Picture - "Mrs. Miniver"

Best Actor - James Cagney, "Yankee Doodle Dandy"

Best Actress - Greer Garson, "Mrs. Miniver"

SPORTS HEADLINES:

Shut Out wins the Kentucky Derby

St. Louis beats New York 4 games to 1 to win the World Series

Redskins defeat Bears 14-6 for NFL football title

Stanford defeats Dartmouth to win the NCAA championship game.

1943

TOP HEADLINES:

President Roosevelt submit's a budget of \$409 billion of which \$100 billion is for the war.

Because copper was needed for the war effort, U.S. pennies produced are made from steel and zinc.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower is appointed Supreme Commander of the European invasion forces.

The "WACS" - the Women's Army Corps - is organized.

Wage earners begin having a 20% flat income tax deducted from their wages.

TOP SONGS:

"Paper Doll" - Mills Brothers

"There Are Such Things" - Jimmy Dorsey

"You'll Never Know" - Dick Haymes

"Brazil" - Xavier Cugat

"Velvet Moon" - Harry James

"Pistol Packin' Momma" - Al Dexter

"Sunday, Monday Or Always" - Bing Crosby

"That Old Black Magic" - Glenn Miller

PRICES:

House - \$8,011.00

Car - \$1,100.00

Milk - \$.62

Gas - \$.16

Bread - \$.09

Postage Stamp - \$.03

Average Income - \$1,231.00

ACADEMY AWARDS:

Best Picture - "Casablanca"

Best Actor - Paul Lukas, "Watch on the Rhine"

Best Actress - Jennifer Jones, "The Song of Bernadette"

SPORTS HEADLINES:

Count Fleet wins the Kentucky Derby

Detroit beats Boston to capture the Stanley Cup in hockey.

New York wins 4 games to 1 over St. Louis to win the World Series.

Wyoming defeats Georgetown to win the NCAA Championship game

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