

THE TOTEM II

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♪♪ Join your classmates and generations of Lynx on a... ♪♪

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY -BUD GREEN/ LES BROWN/ BEN HOMER



2025 ALL-CLASS LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 7, 2025

10:30 am - 3:00 pm

New Location: Aurora Borealis

You can find all the details on page 28.



Gon - na take a sen-ti-men-tal jour-ney, gon - na set my
Got my bag, I got my res-er-va-tion, spent each dime I

mind at ease... Gon - na make a sen-ti-men-tal jour-ney
could af - ford... Like a child in wild an-ti-ci - pa-tion,

to re - new old mem - o - ries... "All - a - board..."



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE MAY 1.
FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 3.

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LLAA CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES!

- April 26 – Board Meeting, 10:30 am, Northgate Branch Library
- May 1 – Scholarship Applications Due
- May 24 – Board Meeting, 10:30 am, Northgate Branch Library
- May 29 – All-Class Luncheon registration deadline
- June 7 – All-Class Luncheon (registration form on page 28)
- September 5 – News from classes for Totem II due
- September 27 – Board Meeting, 10:30 am, Northgate Branch Library
- Expiration Date for your LLAA membership/Totem II**
Registration form on **Page 27** or renew online.

**PRESIDENT/
EDITOR'S COLUMN**



By **Monica (Fosmire) Weber ('73)**

Greetings, Loyal Lynx!

First, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to **Jackie (Bauer) King ('67)**, for her experienced assistance in editing this issue of *Totem II*. My poorly timed hand surgery in late February has left me pecking with one hand. Jackie handled the columns submitted by your Class Reps, and I managed the obituaries we've been receiving since the Fall/Winter issue. I am very pleased and impressed by the news and photos some of our class reps gleaned from our Lynx alumni and the photos that were submitted from events that were held. You, too, can see your name in **bold** print! I'm sure you have a get-together with a classmate, an adventure, or amusing experience to share.

Imagine if you will, the challenge of opening a flip top can of cat food, peeling a banana or an orange, or trying to get your britches down with one hand before you wet your pants. (Okay, maybe that happens with two hands.) My son wishes he had set up cameras in the house to film some of my one-handed antics for *America's Funniest Home Videos*. I hope you'll read other columns besides that of your class to see what others have shared or were up to in the case of obituaries.

Regarding obituaries, I may have fewer to include in the future as our stalwart researcher of Lynx obituaries, **Ginny Munn ('56)**, suffered a stroke in January. Making this discovery explained why I had not received any from her recently nor her class column for this issue. **Linda (Ungar) Strock ('62)**, our tireless database updater, mentioned that she had not heard anything from her either. Ginny hadn't responded to our emails or answered our phone calls, and her voicemail was full. Concerned about her well-being, I drove up to Coupeville and wandered around her neighborhood until I found someone who knew of her condition and learned that she was at the Regency Care Center there in Coupeville where I then visited with her for 45 minutes. This is how we roll in the LLAA. She requested that I include her mailing address in the 1956 column should anyone wish to write or visit.

In the 1946 column, I included a tip that **Louis Messer** sent me on how to "increase the efficiency of your air conditioner at no cost." This gentleman, at approximately age 97, is evidently still very active and adept on the computer. In December of 2023, Mr. Messer shared a story about his cousin, **Andy Messer ('60)**, around the time of Andy's cancer diagnosis. Andy died several months later, and I was able to use the story in this issue after learning of his passing as we did not have his obituary. So you see, there are many ways to contribute to our alumni news. If you have no Class Rep, you can send your stories and photos to me.

I'll quote here what **Fred Morgan ('61)** said in his column: "I'm also interested in getting updates from the **living** members of our class. Please share what you've been doing since graduation, your educational and work accomplishments, your awards and recognition, and your family news. I can assure you that your classmates will be interested in reading about it." I couldn't have said it better. Thank you, Fred!

One mission of the LLAA is to *promote activities that strengthen bonds between Lincoln graduates, attendees and staff*. I believe

contributing to *Totem II* is one such activity. Many old friendships have been rekindled through other mechanisms of the LLAA, such as the annual All-Class Luncheon and the promotion of class events and reunions on the website. Much of our contact information continues to be updated thanks to the efforts of **Linda (Ungar) Strock ('62)** and **Judy (Armstrong) Roe ('64)**, increasing the possibility of connecting with alumni either by email or 'snail mail' regarding reunions, events or other news. You can help us with our efforts by contacting long-lost classmates as well as locating the Missing Lynx listed on the website and passing along any contact information you may have. An email address or phone number is sufficient to remove them from the missing list.

In 2017, we had approximately 1,634 alumni as members of the LLAA (based on data from the classes for which we have members ...1935-1982). Today, we have less than half that number. During the intervening years, the dues increased by \$5 and the number of obituaries in *Totem II* also increased. We are an aging and finite group, so the only way our membership can grow to sustain our organization at this point is to recruit members by asking for a \$20 annual donation. In addition to receiving *Totem II* twice annually, they will be contributing to another of the LLAA's missions to *promote and preserve the history of Lincoln High School of Seattle, WA*. It will be a long time coming before new Lincoln graduates beginning in 2022 will be interested in joining an alumni association whose newspaper contains updates and obituaries about people with whom they feel no connection. Their lives are just beginning! So I ask you to encourage your classmates to make that donation and receive a *Totem II* in addition to the other means we provide to connect.

The third of our missions is to *provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Lincoln High School and/or those lineal descendants of graduates of Lincoln High School who have graduated from an accredited high school*, thereby encouraging seniors to start their higher education without delay. Alumni have been very generous over the years toward this mission, for which we are extremely grateful and proud. However, like our membership, the number of applicants has also significantly declined. (See my piece on page 3.) Though we've extended the deadline and promotion at Lincoln has very recently been updated, it may be too late for some students to meet the requirements. This does not constitute making exceptions to them, as they have not changed in several years and are always available on the website.

Remember that lineal descendant applicants need not be residents of Seattle or the State of Washington but must be a current graduating senior from an accredited high school. They must have applied to an accredited university, college, trade school or other tertiary accredited institution acceptable to the Scholarship Committee and provide a copy of their acceptance letter at said institution by the application deadline date of **May 1, 2025**. It's not too late to apply if your lineal descendant has already obtained SAT and/or ACT scores. It's important to emphasize that all information requested in the application is provided. For further details, please visit the LLAA website at www.lincolnhighlynx.org/scholarships.

Keeping in mind our mission of promoting activities that strengthen our bonds with other Lynx, I hope you're able to join us on a Sentimental Journey with them at the All-Class Luncheon. Each Spring, in addition to blooming flowers and warmer weather, we look forward to this tradition. It is such a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends between reunions and meet new ones that share a part of our personal history. There's nothing quite like it.

I wish you good health, much happiness, and the ability to find humor in many of life's everyday occurrences.

Monica

**LLAA HAS A NEW
VICE PRESIDENT**



At the Annual Business Meeting in November, the members in attendance elected **Jim Philbrick ('75)** as LLAA vice president. We are grateful that he accepted the nomination and very fortunate to have him on the leadership team. Not even a year earlier at the January 2024 Board meeting, Jim became the Class Rep for 1975 who would represent his constituency at the Board meetings. We call that the LLAA fast track.

It was evident at the Board meetings that he still possesses the leadership skills he had when elected LHS Senior Class President of 1975 and has honed them over the course of his varied occupations in different parts of the U.S. Currently, he is the Sales Director at Intenza Fitness North America, a company that's about elevating workouts with exceptional equipment and empowering people to achieve their fitness goals. He does a great deal of traveling but is here when we need him.

In doing a background check, we learned that not only was he Senior Class President but also was voted Nicest Smile in his senior hall of fame, listed his interest as "getting rowdy," and is remembered as a ladies' man. As vice president, he'll sit on the financial review committee as well as the scholarship committee and bring his smile and can-do attitude to every situation.

**2025 ALL-CLASS LUNCHEON
CHANGE OF VENUE**

In the fall/winter issue, our Treasurer, **Lynne (Moehring) Emmons ('72)**, reported on the financial issues the All-Class Luncheon had been facing at the Nile Shrine Center due to the escalating prices of the new catering service. The upshot of Lynne's report was that continuing to hold the Luncheon at the Nile would result in a ticket price of \$75 or more per person, which the Luncheon Committee found unacceptable. To ensure that as many alumni as possible can afford to attend the Luncheon, a change in venue had to be made. Lynne's column told us to stay tuned for news of the new venue for 2025.

And here we are. The committee did some extensive shopping in the fall for a venue that was both affordable **and** could seat the number of people that have attended in the past and settled on Aurora Borealis. Co-chairs **Linda (Ungar) Strock ('62)** and **Suzanne (Santwire) Lundquist ('63)** visited the establishment, sampled the fare, and spoke extensively with the caterer before making their decision. Based on experience, I trust their judgement and appreciate their concern for affordability.

Granted, Aurora Borealis ain't no Nile in terms of ambiance, but what has always made the Luncheon so special is the opportunity to reconnect with friends and classmates over a meal. And this year's venue includes shuffleboard, foosball, and a quality AV system that will allow you to hear and see the emcee, presenters, and slideshow!

However, space limitations allow tables and seating for 224 people, so you will need to register at your earliest opportunity prior to **May 29** to guarantee your spot at a table with classmates. With no room for expansion as we had at the Nile, **no payments will be accepted at the door**. You will find the mail-in registration form on page 28. You are also able to register online on the LLAA website and can find a downloadable mail-in form there as well.

I hope this answers any questions you might have. Change can be a challenge in our advancing years, but we're the Mighty Lynx!

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
EXTENDED!

Due to the zero (0) scholarship applications received as of March 22 (and now April 6), those attending the recent Board meeting agreed to extend the deadline from April 15 to **May 1**. It is very unusual at this point and moreover a conundrum to experience this, considering the cost of higher education and the level of student debt. Not to mention being a bit counterintuitive on the part of the high school seniors who could qualify to receive \$2,000 each and one qualifying Lincoln student who could receive \$15,000 based on need, thanks to **David L. Morgan ('50)**.

Last year, we were concerned about the small number of applications we received: four of the nine were from Lincoln seniors. In January, I sent a lengthy email to the principal, Cory Eichner, expressing some curiosity about it and requesting his assistance in updating their website to indicate the \$2,000 amount and the new need-based scholarship as well as the links to our website. I also asked him to forward the information and links I'd included to the counselors and career center as well as some means by which parents could be informed.

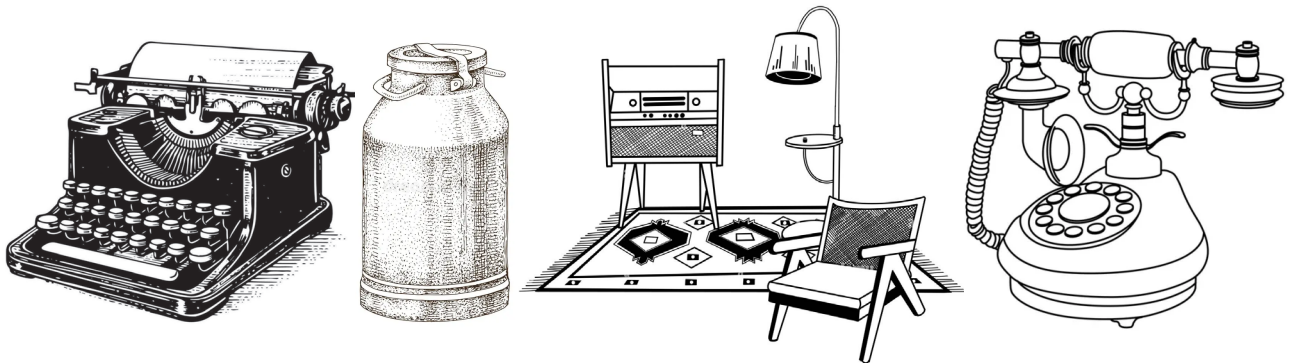
In his response, he informed me that LHS has a comprehensive scholarship program and

that there is a national trend of fewer students applying for scholarships. I did some research into the latter and learned, in brief, that there are many students who don't wish to spend the time it takes to apply for what they consider in some cases to be too little money. I had commented in my email to Mr. Eichner that I figured for the two hours it might take a student to complete our application (for which they could use the same documents required by others), they could make \$1,000 an hour or thereabouts, tax free.

Unfortunately, we learned earlier this month that the information on the LHS website had not been updated, so it did not indicate the award amount or the fact that it's available to an unlimited number of qualifying students. So, our current Scholarship Chair, **Jackie (Bauer) King ('67)**, communicated with the counseling secretary who oversees the website. In addition to extending the deadline, we've announced the extension on the website, updated the guidelines and application, and posted notices in the building. It feels odd to seemingly be hawking our scholarships, when in 2010 we awarded \$950 to 23 seniors and \$1,000 to 32 seniors in 2016. "Oh, the times, they are a-changin'."

For those of you with graduating seniors in your lineage, please let them know they still have time and encourage them to "take our money, please!"

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 1%'ERS



A staggering 99% of people born between 1930 and 1946 (GLOBALLY) are now deceased.

If you were born during this time, you will be between 79 and 95 (a 16-year age span) and one of the rare surviving one-percenters.

You are the smallest group of children born from the early 1900s.

You are the last generation, climbing out of depression, who can remember the winds of war, the impact of a world at war that rattles the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from tea to shoes.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" at the front door.

Our parents and teachers strictly enforced discipline.

You are the last generation to have spent childhood without television; instead, you 'imagined' what you heard on the radio.

Without TV, you spent your childhood playing outside. There were no kids' playgrounds.

The lack of television in your early years meant you had little fundamental understanding of the world.

We got 'black-and-white' TV in the late '50s with three stations and no remote.

Telephones (if you had one) were one to a house and hung on the wall in the kitchen (who cares about privacy?).

Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked.

Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon. The typewriter recorded thoughts. INTERNET and GOOGLE were words that did not exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults, and your dad would give you the comic pages after he read the news.

The news was broadcast on your radio in the evening. The radio network gradually expanded from 3 stations to thousands.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility. Most highways were two lanes, and there were no Motorways.

You went to the city to shop. You walked to school and back.

Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of depression and war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.

You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

They were glad you played things like Fiddle Sticks, Grab, Monopoly, Marbles, and Jacks by yourselves. They were busy discovering the postwar.

You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity, where you were welcomed and enjoyed yourselves.

You felt secure in your future, although the depression and poverty were deeply remembered.

Polio was still acrippler. Everyone knew someone who had it.

You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our country. World War II was over, and the Cold War, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.

Only your generation can remember a time after World War II when our world was secure and full of bright promises and plenty.

You grew up at the best possible time, when the world was improving.

More than 99% of you are now retired.

If you have already reached the age of 79, take pride in having lived through these extraordinary times. You have outlived 99% of all the other people on this planet.

You are a 1%'er who can say, "I lived through the best of times."

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CHECK OUT
WHAT'S GOING ON
AT LINCOLN

Lincoln's Spring Musical:
Chicago!

May 9, 10, 15, and 16 – 7 pm
May 17 – 7:30 pm
May 18 – 2 pm
Tickets will be on sale soon!

May 28 – Choir Concert
7-9 pm in the LHS Auditorium

May 29 – Orchestra Concert
7-9 pm in the LHS Auditorium

June 4 – Jazz Band Concert
7-9 pm in the LHS Auditorium

June 9 – Band Concert
7-9 pm in the LHS Auditorium

June 10 – Senior Awards Night
Time TBD in the LHS Auditorium

June 13 – Graduation
5 pm at Memorial Stadium

(LHS Auditorium entrance is located off Woodlawn Avenue. Parking is limited, so we encourage you to utilize other forms of transportation with carpooling, mass transit and walking. If you do drive, please be mindful of our neighbors and only park in spots that do not block their access.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



News from the classes...

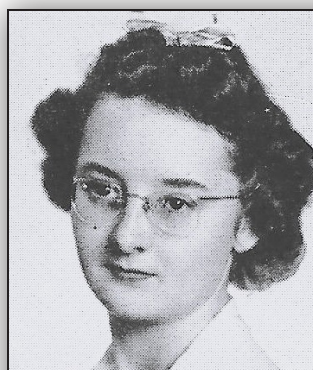
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In Memoriam



Ann (Jensen) Ringstad

Ann (Jensen) Ringstad, 1925-2024, the cherished only child of John Olai and Martha Olea Jensen, was born in Tromsø, Norway. Her father had emigrated from Norway in 1907 and became a US citizen in 1921. In 1924, he returned to Norway to visit his family. While there, he reconnected with Martha. They were married later that year, and Ann was born in February 1925. Per traditional naming patterns in Norway, she was named after her father's mother, Anne Johanna, but later opted to omit the final 'e' and went by Ann. Martha was nearly 40, and John was close to 45. Because John was a US citizen, he needed to return to Seattle, where he was living. The travel route back to the US was via ship to New York, followed by train via Chicago to Seattle. They decided taking a baby across the ocean would be too dangerous.

Martha stayed with family in Norway while John returned to Seattle. In May 1926, Martha and 15-month-old Ann set off for Seattle. Martha spoke no English and relied on Traveler's Aid to navigate their way across the country. At meals, with a language barrier, she would ask for coffee (same word) and then point to items on other people's plates, getting foods that she thought her young daughter would eat. She would then eat the leftovers. Ann was an energetic toddler who kept her mother busy during their journey.

Soon after reuniting the family, they bought a house on Phinney Ridge. Ann went to B.F. Day Elementary, Hamilton Jr. High, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1943. She attended reunions for many years. After graduation, she began working for Pacific Bell Telephone Company.

She married Richard H. Ringstad in 1949. They had six children over the next 10+ years who attended Loyal Heights, James Monroe, Whitman, and Ballard High Schools. She was very active in PTA, volunteering in various positions, fundraising, and as a room mother. One year, she had five children enrolled in grade school. Later, she volunteered with Hospice at NW Hospital. At Northminster Presbyterian Church, she was a Deacon, which she enjoyed. She had lots of fun spending time with her grandchildren and was an avid game player - she loved card and board games, puzzles, mahjong, and dominos with almost anybody!

Ann was adventurous. In later years she was able to travel, often with her cousin Frieda, her children and grandchildren, and various friends. Whether the trip was to Norway, Fort Flagler, or Grayland she was always ready to pack her suitcase for a tour or plane ride. She became a fan of several sports teams. Trips to Mariners Spring Training, the Everett Aqua Sox, UW Huskies, Seahawks and Kraken on tv. ("I don't understand it, but it is fun to watch.")

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(From Alumni FB page 2/25/2025): On this day 80 years ago - PFC **Alan C. Marlow**,



Alan Marlow's headstone

USMC, died fighting in WWII on Iwo Jima. Marlow was killed in the fighting for control of airfield #2 when the jeep he was traveling in was struck directly by a Japanese mortar round. All the Marines in the vehicle died. PFC Marlow's remains were repatriated and brought back to Seattle in 1949, and he

was buried in the Veterans Memorial section at Evergreen-Washelli cemetery.

Born in Virginia, Marlow resided in Seattle since 1931. He graduated from Lincoln High School and joined the Marine Corps in 1943. He was at New Guinea, Bougainville, and Guam before he died on Iwo Jima. Alan C. Marlow was just 19 years old when he made the ultimate sacrifice on the desolate sands of Iwo Jima.



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In Memoriam



Glenna (Storkel) Rohrback

Glenna (Storkel) Rohrback passed away on January 22nd, 2025. She was 98 years old. Born in Seattle on September 13th, 1926. She is survived by her three children, Gail Lauren (Len Rokosz), Brian Rohrback (Lisa Rohrback), and Joan Rohrback, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She attended Queen Anne High School, graduated from Lincoln High of Seattle, and attended Washington State University until she married Gilson Rohrback in 1947. Gilson passed away in 2007.

Glenna and Gilson moved to Whittier, California, in the early 1950s and raised their family there. Glenna became the founding Executive Secretary for the Whittier Lions Club Arabian Horse Show. She enjoyed volunteering at the local hospital and spearheading neighborhood and community projects. She was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. After 30 years in California, they returned to their hometown of Seattle. Since then, Glenna has lived in downtown Seattle, Mill Creek, Redmond, Mukilteo, and Kirkland. Noted for her kind heart and ready smile, Glenna will be missed by all who knew her.



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In Memoriam



Dr. Jack Adler

Dr. Jack Adler passed away peacefully on July 6, 2023, in his beloved dome home on the McKenzie River, surrounded by his wife, Barbara, and loving family. Jack was born on Nov. 2, 1927, in San Pedro, CA, to Delbert and Alice Adler. The family soon moved to Seattle, where Jack grew up and went to high school. He attended the University of Washington where he received his undergraduate and master's degrees. He married Jerene Fisher in 1951. They had four children: Jim, John, Mary Ellen, and Sharon. Jack is survived by three of his children, with Sharon preceding him in death in 1989. Jack has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jack taught and coached at several schools on the West Coast, finding his permanent home in Eugene in 1965, where he attended the University of Oregon and earned his doctorate. Jack taught at the UO for 25 years before retiring, touching the lives of many students and colleagues. He started a new phase in his life in the 1980s. He and Jerene divorced, Jack retired, and he married Barbara Ekdahl in 1986. They built a geodesic dome near the McKenzie River and a nine-hole golf course, and he spent the rest of his life pursuing and enjoying his passions, wife, and family.

Jack was an avid golfer and head golf coach at the UO for six years, but his most profound sporting passion was fly fishing. He spent countless hours fishing Oregon's beautiful rivers and taught Barbara the fine art of casting. He often told her she threw the finest fly-line of any woman he had ever seen, which was a testament to his coaching. They traveled extensively, including trips to Europe and the Azores and two visits to New Zealand, a fly-fishing mecca. They took several cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska and made numerous trips to Montana and Alaska, fishing for salmon on the Kenai River.

In 2007, Jack joined the Eugene Masonic Lodge #11. Jack chaired the scholarship committee for several years, receiving the Hiram Award for Devoted Service in January 2019. In November 2020, Jack suffered two strokes. He spent the last two-and-a-half years mounting a gallant fight to recover as best he could. He lived an entire and fantastic life and will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

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Please note: The Deadline for the next issue of
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A helpful tip from **Louis Messer** on how you can increase the efficiency of your air conditioner at no cost:

“Picture the condenser, the outside device. Three sides are perforated. That is where the cooling air goes in. Make a frame of 3x2 lumber of the size that covers that area. Take one frame for each of the three sides that have these. Make it stiff with metal corner braces. Hold them in place with a bungee because you have to take them off in the winter. Add a 10-watt transformer permanently inside the condenser. Each panel has a short piece of irrigation drip line across the top. Feed the drip line to an irrigation control valve. The transformer connects to the valve that applies water whenever the motor runs.”



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In Memoriam



Norma (Palmer) Murphy

Norma (Palmer) Murphy aged 92, of Edmonds, WA, passed away on October 25, 2021. She was born on September 25, 1929, in Scotland, South Dakota, to Olinda and Lauren (Sharky) Palmer. Norma’s family moved to Seattle when she was four years old. She attended Maple Leaf Elementary where she met her future husband, Jim Murphy. She graduated from Lincoln High in 1947. She worked at Frederick’s & Nelson and was Santa’s and the Easter Bunny’s helper.

In 1950 she married Jim Murphy. They moved to Edmonds in 1953 and raised their family in the big colonial house at the corner of 8th and Main St. That house became known as the “Old Murphy House.” She was a long-time and valued member of Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds. Norma enjoyed her group of friends that became known as The Zorts. In 1970, Jim founded the James G. Murphy Co. auctioneers. Like most family auction businesses, Jim was the auctioneer, and Norma ran the office. They were both involved in the National Auctioneers Association. They spent many years attending auction conventions across the country and developed some lifelong friendships. In 2008, Norma was inducted into the National Auctioneers Association Auxiliary Hall of Fame.

Norma and Jim traveled to Ireland with the entire family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The Irish priest who had married them in Seattle 50 years prior officiated their vow renewal ceremony. Anyone who knew Norma was touched by her kindness, sense of humor, and love of animals.



Ted Genes

Retired Army Lieutenant General **Theodore Gene Jenes, Jr.**, 93, passed away on May 2, 2023, in Shoreline, WA.



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It is early March, and we are experiencing spring-like weather here. My backyard had snow last January, which stayed long enough to take some lovely photos. I am still adjusting to Southeast Texas! I wish all my classmates a joyous Easter and a very happy Summer.

I had a long phone conversation with **Charles H. Magnuson** and captured some exciting parts of his life.

Charlie “Chuck” related that in his early years, his family gathered for Christmas at a great aunt and uncle’s home in Enumclaw, WA. Then, for many years, Christmas was at the San Leandro home of Tanta Martha Osby.

The San Francisco Bay Area has long been the destination for visiting my aunt and my son, Douglas when he was on the staff at San Francisco Weekly. We visited with our son Gregory when he was a student at Berkeley and visited cousins in Glen Ellen, where Jack London’s home is preserved as a national treasure. Glen Ellen is also a starting location for a visit to Napa Valley, a memorial to John Lewis Stevenson, and other historic encounters.

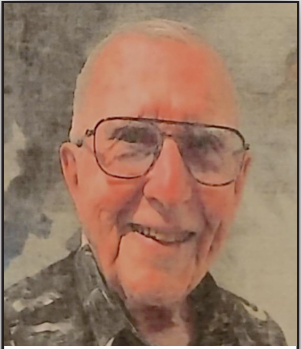
After Law School, Chuck served as a JAG officer in the Air Force and was assigned to the now-defunct Hamilton Air Force Base north of San Francisco for a year, where he lived off-base with other Air Force members.

In 1961, he worked in Washington, D.C., for the Tax Department of Justice when he joined friends at a beach house on July 3rd. Carole walked through the open door and he thought she was the prettiest gal he had ever seen. He learned she was the Education Editor for the Washington Post, and they immediately connected and were married a year later.

In 1962, they moved to Los Angeles, where Chuck worked for the U.S. Attorney’s Office covering Southern California. He retired in 1988. Chuck and Carole live just west of the UCLA campus and attend numerous local events at churches and museums.

I also heard from **Robert Heighton**:

Bob graduated from dental school at the University of Washington, followed by three years in the Marine Corps. Upon his discharge, he lived with his mother in San Diego. He opened his private dental practice in 1959, from which he retired in 1987.

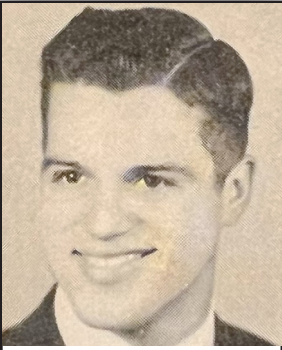


Bob Heighton

In 1970, he met Elizabeth, a San Diego State University professor, and they married in 1972. They enjoyed extensive travel in Europe. Elizabeth received an exchange teaching fellowship, which took them to Germany, Belgium, and Denmark. The couple liked cruising and especially enjoyed dancing to the live bands aboard the ship. Elizabeth developed Alzheimer’s and sadly passed away in 2018.

Now, Bob lives in a senior housing apartment (still in San Diego) and participates in the community’s many activities. He enjoys weekend gatherings when he can join others for a cocktail and, of course, some dancing.

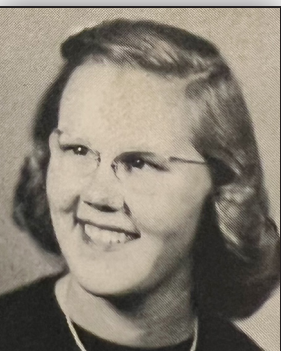
In Memoriam



Bob Sund

Robert “Bob” John Sund of Shelton, WA., died Sept 27, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education at the University of Puget Sound, Class of 1952. Survivors include his spouse, Donna Jean Sund, UPS Class of ’53.

Mary Lou (Rottman) Jensen passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 19,



Mary Rottman

2020, at Pendo Senior Care home. She was born in Seattle on February 6, 1930. She grew up in the Green Lake area of Seattle with her beloved brother, **Willis Rottman ('39)**, in the home her father built. She attended Seattle University, graduating with a degree in Medical

Technology. She was employed by Group Health Cooperative in their Laboratory, retiring with 35 years of service.

Mary Lou was a shy girl, but she blossomed when she met Paul Max Bjerre Jensen of Denmark. Not long after they met, Paul was drafted into the US Army and was soon off to Germany for 18 months. Mary Lou went to live with her girlfriends in San Diego but returned to Seattle after a year. When Paul returned from overseas, they were married in 1958. They moved back to the Green Lake area and lived next to her childhood home for eight years to help her mother next door. When her mother passed, Mary Lou and Paul moved back into her beloved home, where they both lived for the remainder of their married life.

Mary Lou loved their deck and enjoyed entertaining family and friends there. She frequently sat on the deck in her last years, taking in the sunshine! In July 2020, they moved to Pendo Senior Care Center because they required more care. Mary Lou and Paul had 63 years of marriage and enjoyed their life together. They had a large group of friends and often attended dancing events in both Seattle and Europe. One of Paul’s favorite memories of Mary Lou was when an insistent innkeeper encouraged her to dance on the tables in a rathskeller in Germany, and when she did so, he had a hard time getting her to stop!

Mary Lou was always ready with a good and, frequently, bawdy joke. But she was also known for her infectious laugh, kindness, and thoughtfulness towards others. She had an amazing memory; we will all be lost without our history keeper.

For many years, Mary Lou and Paul owned and rented out the house next to theirs. Through this, they gained a large group of younger friends who stayed in contact and watched out for them. These became their extended family, and the whole neighborhood knew Mary Lou and Paul. They were always generous with their time and often treated family or friends to unexpected gifts or dinners. We know they are both terribly missed in the neighborhood.

Mary Lou was pre-deceased by her parents and her brother, Willis, in 2001. She is survived by her loving husband, Paul-Max.

Barbara (Cotton) Henkle passed away peacefully at age 93 in McMinnville, Oregon, on October 5, 2024. She was born in Washington state and grew up in Seattle with her siblings **Stan** and **Joanne (Cotton) MacLean ('51)**.

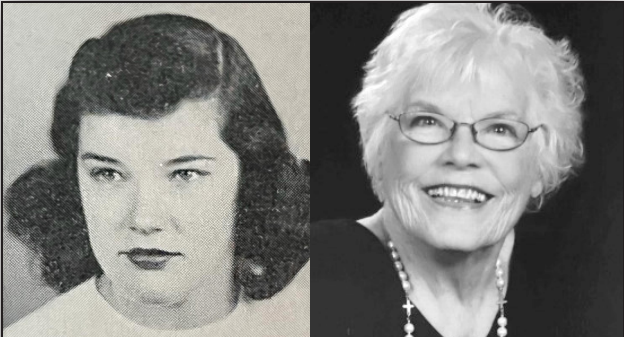


Barbara Cotton

She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1948 and the UW in 1952. She started and led the Congregator’s young adult social group during her college years at the UW. Barbara enjoyed traveling and had fond memories of many fun boating, camping, and road trips

with her husband, Don, and son, Van. Over the years, she called several places home but had a particular fondness for Washington State and its Skagit Valley. She was an excellent cook, an interior designer with a great eye for color, and an avid symphony concertgoer. Volunteer work meant a lot to her. She volunteered for the Skagit Symphony, the Arboretum Foundation, and the La Conner Friends of the Library, among others.

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Louise (Edholm) Pihl

Louise Marie (Edholm) Pihl was born on January 17, 1930, with her twin sister, **Frances Elizabeth (Edholm) McLeod** (1930-2009). She passed on July 18, 2024. Her parents immigrated to the United States in 1914 and 1915 from Northern Sweden and Aland.

Louise and Frances were the youngest in the family of four children, including siblings Ethel and **Edgar Edholm ('43)**. Louise attended Interlake Elementary School, Hamilton Middle School, and Lincoln High School. She was the 1953 Homecoming Queen at Seattle University and graduated with a degree in Education.

Louise married Dr. Erik “Bill” Pihl on August 12, 1956, in Seattle; they were happily married for over 57 years. Bill passed away in 2013. Louise and Bill raised four children, all growing up in Mount Vernon, WA.

Brita (Crist) Rogers of Palm Desert passed away peacefully at home on July 19, 2022,



Brita Crist

of melanoma cancer. She was born in Aberdeen, WA on May 30, 1930. Brita was a loving and caring mother, wife, and friend. She lovingly cared for her husband of 66 years, Chuck, before he died in 2015. She loved worshiping at Hope Lutheran Church and would play bridge 24 hours a day if possible. She is survived by her daughter Karen Anschell (Ed) and sons Fred (Juliann) and Larry (Nicoleta), and five grandchildren.

Finally, some recently found obituaries: **Craig Robert Callen**, February 27, 2012 **Capt. William Larson**, July 5, 2016 **Grace Marie Naethe**, January 6, 1992 **Carl Lacey Nissan**, January 18, 2015



CLASS OF 1949

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As I sit here at my computer composing the ‘49er column for the Spring issue of *Totem II*, I feel like a man inhabiting two worlds: a blank screen in front of me and a blanket of white fluff outside my office window. Now I know how Yuri (Dr.) Zhivago felt as he lived out in the wilderness of the Ural Mountains near Yuriatin - a feeling of isolation and a time for reflection.

I am still waiting for classmates to respond to my plea for contributions to the thinning ‘49er *Totem II* column... and like Zhivago, I make frequent trips to the Post Office in anticipation of good news from one of our classmates. Nada. I have the sense that my existence is analogous to being alone in Yayoi Kusama’s “Infinity Room.”

I think of you often and pray that you are all doing well. When opportunity and inclination are in conjunction, it is not too early to send me a bit of news for the Fall/Winter ‘49er *Totem II* column. I’m looking forward to it.

Odd Items

Learning is a constant no matter our age. Just comprehending the weather report can be a challenge, especially with the new terminology. For example: “atmospheric river” - in our day we called it heavy rain; “bomb cyclone”- we called it strong wind and rain that quickly gathers over a short period of time. My latest challenge occurred when reading a text message where the sign-off had a K. I consulted my nearest teenage

neighbor and got the terse explanation that... “Duh, it means OK.” I replied, “Cool...I’m down with it.” The kid wanted to know what language I was speaking.

Memory Lane

I want to thank **Art Johnstone ('48)** for his article “Looking Back On Turning 12” in the last issue of *Totem II*. It was a captivating piece that definitely resonates with the memories many of us still reflect upon in our nonagenarian phase of life. “The Parable of the Watering Hole” view of life can be bitter-sweet.

In Memoriam

It is always sad to pass on the names of classmates who have passed. To this list, I now add the following names for whom the bell tolls:

James Baker Elliott passed on September 1, 1978, at the young age of 48, in Walla Walla, WA. James was born in Spokane, WA in 1929. He enrolled at Lincoln for his senior year after attending Brentwood College Prep School at Mill Bay, Victoria, BC, Canada. No obituary was found.

Curtis William Brotherton passed away on August 21, 2024, in Pensacola, Florida, at 92. He had a long career as a commissioned naval officer in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Commander. His last duty station was in Pensacola, Florida. Curtis was predeceased by his wife, Eileen, 67 years and survived by his two sons and numerous grand and great-grandchildren.


When available, a more complete obituary and pictures for each of the above Classmates are viewable on the LHS - Seattle, Class of 1949 Facebook website. This site can be accessed by going to www.facebook.com/LincolnLynx1949

Membership

Please note that membership/renewals/scholarship donations are now listed in a separate section of the *Totem II*. Knowing that your continued support of and dedication to LLAA’s commitment to preserving the Traditions and Legacy of our Alma mater and the LLAA Scholarship Program has my/our gratitude. We remain **LOYAL LINCOLN LYNX - ALWAYS**.

Until next time, stay positive and healthy. Don’t forget to hug family and friends, call a friend or classmate, and, above all, remain safe.

Go Lynx...Go ’49ers!



CLASS OF 1951

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Greetings to the Class of 1951! Following is the article published on January 23, 2025, in the Feel Good Community News: “70 years ago, **Vonnie (Barmon) Swanstrom** put her college education on hold to put her husband through law school at the University of Idaho and raise her three sons. Last month at an alumni party held at JUMP, U of I President Scott Green presented her with her Associate of Science – General Studies degree.” It was quite an honor.



Yvonne (Barmon) Swanstrom and sons

Dorothy Ann (Kleppen) McCall, **Connie (Rivers) Hayden**, and I have been friends and classmates since we were in the 7th grade. We played “Kick the Can” with Don Ellis and other neighborhood kids under the streetlight. Don left us at way too young an age, and Connie passed a few years ago.



50th Class Reunion (2001): Dorothy Ann (Kleppen) McCall, Yvonne (Barmon) Swanstrom, and Connie (Rivers) Hayden

For my 75th birthday, Dorothy Ann invited a few of us to her lovely home in Piedmont, CA, and drove us to a hotel in Carmel, a favorite spot of hers. We had a beautiful dinner and investigated Monterey and the golf course. Later, Dorothy Ann joined me for a week in Boise to celebrate my 80th birthday. Her birthday is on St. Patrick’s Day, and I have joined her for some wonderful celebrations and parades, some in Seattle. She still lives in her beautiful Piedmont home and keeps active in many art circles. She received an art degree from the University of Oslo, Norway, a country she has always cherished visiting... You should hear about her trip on the QE2 ship. Also, she has a cat named Raymond.

A nice note from **Joan (Schoener) Enslin** and her husband, **Jim Enslin ('46)**: “We have lived on beautiful Camano Island for 30 years, but are currently moving to Tacoma, WA, to a retirement community to be closer to family, going from house to an apartment but will still have a place to paint... I have been an artist for many years, and last year, I was invited to show my art at Arts Alive in La Conner, WA. I was happy to be invited at my advanced age. My husband of 71 years, Jim, was a math teacher and basketball coach at Shorecrest HS and Seattle Prep HS and was voted into the WA State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Seattle Prep Coaches Hall of Fame...we are still active and starting a new chapter in our lives moving into The Eliseo in Tacoma.”

In a letter from **John D. Baker**, he shared that, “One of the benefits of retirement is having time to reflect on the past. Truly adulthood started at Lincoln. What a great school filled with good classmates. The highlight in the summer was learning to row on the Wallingford crew on Green Lake. By good fortune I was in the same boat as classmate **Bill Ford**.

“After graduation, it was on to the University of Washington. It was there that Bill Ford and I became fraternity brothers in the Chi Psi fraternity. We also rowed on the lightweight crew until Bill was admitted to the Medical School where he became Dr. Ford. I graduated with a BA in accounting, was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy, and off to active duty. I remained in the active Naval Reserve until retirement as a Lieutenant Commander, Supply Corps, at age 65.

“While on active duty at the Navy Area Audit Office at Pratt & Whitney in Hartford, CT, I met Louise Olney. She would become my wife and the mother of our two children. We have four wonderful grand children and one great grandson. One of the highlights of our 58-year marriage was the acquisition of a waterfront second home on the north end of Camano Island, which our family enjoyed over the years. Sadly, Louise died of cancer in 2015.

“After my Navy duty we returned to Seattle where I joined Olympic National Life Insurance Company. Thus began my career in the life insurance industry. After a stint as Chief Accountant, I moved into the Marketing Department of the company. As an officer, my duties centered on the administration of the department. My responsibilities included contracting, licensing, and financing of agents. Collateral duties included the details of convention and sales meeting sites. Over the years, I obtained the industry educational designations of Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), Fellow Life Management Institute (FLMI) and Chartered financial Consultant (ChFC). Having survived three mergers/acquisitions, I retired after 38 years with virtually the same company. In the end, my retirement checks come from the VOYA group.

“Always a Husky, my leisure activities included membership on the UW Rowing Stewards, past Chairman of the Husky Club and member of the Husky Tyee Board of Advisors. For years I volunteered with the Guardianship Monitoring Program in the Snohomish County Superior Court assisting guardians with their court ordered reports. I served as president of the Arrowhead Beach Co-operative Water Association and past president of the Lynnwood Kiwanis Club. Currently I am an active Elder in the Maplewood Presbyterian Church, member of the Kiwanis Club of Lynnwood, and treasurer of The Kiwanis House Foundation.

“After a year as a widower, I questioned if that was all there was to life. One Sunday I looked across the aisle at Maplewood Presbyterian Church at a very beautiful widow. Knowing that dating would be a very forgotten experience I was worried about rejection. It seemed like I was back in Lincoln. After a Sunday or two of contemplation, I got up the nerve to ask **JoAnn (Faber) Tanner ('60)** out for a cup of coffee. While we are eight years apart in age it turns out that we grew up about two blocks apart in the same U District neighborhood, experienced the same “hot spots” and graduated from Lincoln. We hit it off from the very beginning.



John Baker and JoAnn (Faber) Tanner

“Our relationship has grown into a loving partnership. JoAnn maintains her beautiful Edmonds waterfront home on Ocean Avenue. A little over five miles east, my home is in Brier. We immensely enjoy our time together, particularly our time on Camano Island. Summer evenings on her sun deck, with a cool one watching the sunset is a special time together. We are so blessed to have each other as partners for nine years and counting.

“While I dearly miss my departed classmates, life is great, and I look forward to tomorrow!”

Gloria (Finkenstein) Higgins, who moved from Portland back to Vashon Island a few years ago, is happy as a clam to be closer to her daughter, granddaughter, and son. She has a little dog and loves her new home, which has a view straight across the water to Sea-Tac Air and Mount Ranier. Gloria is a happy camper, as anyone would be with such a view... I, living in Boise, miss the view of the water and envy you all that live on the front porches of those islands.

I tried to contact **Alice (Bracher) Reed** and learned she had a stroke and is living with her daughter, Jan, in Alamogordo, NM. Alice's father was Reverend Bracher of the Fremont English Lutheran Church. The Bracher's church, choir, and Luther League were a big part of my high school life, where Roger and I were married.

Nancy (Thompson) Whitmore moved from Ithica, NY, to Arizona and loves it. She left a phone number with one of our friends, but we can't find it, and I have tried everything! I really would like to connect with Nancy.

Also, does anyone know where **Laurie June Foster-Miller** is? This job would be easier if everyone paid their *Totem II* subscription dues!

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Go LYNX! Yvonne (Barmon) Swanstrom

In Memoriam

Lois (Williamsen) Wahlin, age 90, of Redmond, WA, passed on peacefully with her two sons at her side on September 19th, 2024. Lois




Lois Williamsen

was born October 26th, 1933, in Seattle, WA. On July 24th, 1953, she married Bernard (Mort) Wahlin in Seattle. After graduating from LHS, Lois attended WSU and then the UW. She and Mort were loyal Husky fans and had season tickets for over 48 years.

Lois's youth included frequent swims in Green Lake, trips to the farm in Lyndon, WA, and weekends at the family cabin in Carnation, WA.

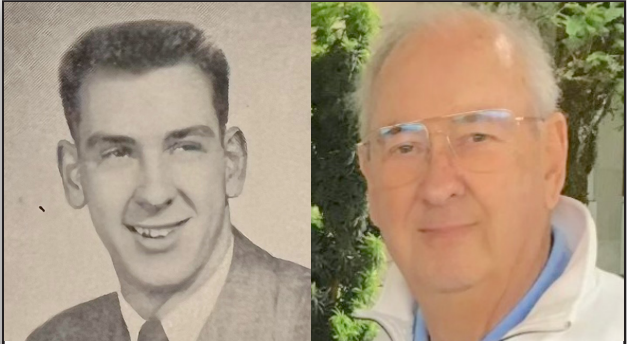
She was an early and lifelong supporter of the Seattle Children's Hospital Guild, bringing her joy and so many lifelong friends. Bellevue's Overlake Presbyterian Church was home to her faith and love of music. She was a member of the choir and managed the church library. Her love of books and learning was undeniable. Lois loved her family very much and took every opportunity to be part of their lives. She will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.



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In Memoriam




Dean Gullikson

Dean Gullikson, a revered member of the Federal Way community, passed away suddenly at his home on September 26, 2024, at the age of 90. Born on May 1, 1934, in Seattle, WA, Dean lived a life marked by dedication to his family, career, and community. After graduating from LHS, Dean served honorably in the United States Coast Guard, where he dedicated himself to the safety and security of the nation's waters. Following his military service, Dean embarked on a distinguished career in banking, managing many branches and retiring as Vice President of Peoples National Bank in Seattle. Dean never really retired, as he established several companies, developed properties, and was a property manager at his death.

Dean was deeply committed to his community. He was a member of the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Way Noon Kiwanis Club. He played a pivotal role in the development of Federal Way, including efforts to establish its own post office and hospital. He was also an elected South King Fire Commissioner, instrumental in transitioning the volunteer fire department to a full-time paid staff. His commitment to healthcare in the community was highlighted by his role as a Trustee Associate and head of a development committee that led to the opening of Saint Francis Hospital in 1987.

As a follower of Jesus, Dean was a member of Marine View Presbyterian Church in Tacoma for over 53 years. His faith was a cornerstone of his life. Dean was known for his loving, generous, patient, friendly, kind, and humorous nature. He was a beloved husband to Donna Gullikson for 68 years and a cherished father to Dena Gorham (Phil), Doug Gullikson, and Dan Gullikson (Diane), and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. He is also survived by his sister, Doris Griffith. Dean's legacy will live on through the many lives he touched and community projects he spearheaded. His family and friends will remember him as a pillar of the community, a devoted family man, and a person of great integrity and humor.



CLASS OF 1953

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Greetings, classmates!

As you probably know, I'm a writer with seven published books: two memoirs and five novels. I haven't worked on any books lately, but I do write a weekly blog, MaryTrimbleBooks.com. I write mostly book reviews and some destination pieces. If you'd like to receive my weekly blog, please email me, trimble@camano.net, and I'll add you to my list of recipients.

Jack Gavin writes: “2025 began with an 11-day cruise out of San Francisco and a sail under the Golden Gate Bridge. Not to be missed!

“Following our 63rd cruise with Princess Cruises, my wife and I began planning my 90th birthday to both East and West Coasts in March. West Coast with my three girls at the local Elks Club with our favorite ELVIS tribute artist. Yes, we grew up with ELVIS! East Coast, where my son lives, just east of Jacksonville, Florida. We'll cap the month of March driving a golf cart while my wife and her son play a free round of golf at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Monterey!”

Boyd Givan writes: “I married **Ann Tuininga ('54)**, and we are celebrating sixty-five years this spring. We live on Mercer Island and are happy to say we have three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. I retired from Boeing in 1999 during its best days.

Jerry Reynolds writes: “In western Montana, small landowners like me who have five acres or more are busy in spring and early summer burning brush and tree limbs hanging too low to the ground. We use chainsaws first to cut these limbs away from the tree trunks, then trim the limbs of branches. Then, we gather and stack the limbs, branches, and pine needles into several piles to be burned. My burn area is about 12 feet in diameter, with the perimeter grass raked clear, exposing bare dirt and select rocks. I have a 100-foot water hose with a pressure nozzle at the end, which will shoot my well water about 60 feet. So, every year, burn time arrives to rid a half-dozen piles of tree limbs and branches that are about 3 to 5 feet tall. Usually, a four- to five-hour task, feeding the burning and periodically spraying water on the ground around the burn.

“This year was no different than my past 35 years of burning, except...after watching the burning piles disappear into rising smoke from 9 am till noon, and noting the burn pile was nothing but ash and no further smoking, I left and went to my house to have lunch. While in the house for the next hour, I looked out the window to check the burn pile. All was well by 1 pm, so off to my computer room on the other side of the house. Browsing the nonsense on the monitor for a few minutes, a sudden shout calling my name caught my attention. Thinking there was a neighbor in my driveway, I saw no one. I went to the east side of the house and saw Mike, my neighbor half a mile away, with a rake vigorously pushing a wind-driven fire of my field grass back into the already burned ground. ‘Jeeze Louise’ (not actually that), I yelled as I saw my field of tall, dry grass burning towards the south about 125 feet away from my morning burn pile.

“What happened is that at about 1:15 pm, a strong gust of wind from the north uncovered the top ash layer of the burn and blew a live coal from the pile and beyond the burn perimeter. That wind gust didn't go away. Mike happened to be outside his house, saw the smoke rising above the trees between our land, drove up to my place, grabbed a rake, and yelled for me.

“I jumped off my outside deck, grabbed the end of my hose, and sprayed what was already charred ground. While I sprayed, another closer neighbor showed up, raced back home, returned with his rake, and joined Mike struggling against a fast-moving wildfire. I called 911, which is the procedure for a burn emergency, and the 911 lady relayed the info to our volunteer fire department. Within ten minutes, two fire engines arrived, the station chief arrived in his 1-ton truck, and a third fire truck arrived soon after. All told, four trucks

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and fifteen volunteer firefighters controlled the fire, eventually putting it out. The black-burned ground area was about a third of an acre, just 100 yards from an adjacent property on the east and up to an easement road on the south.

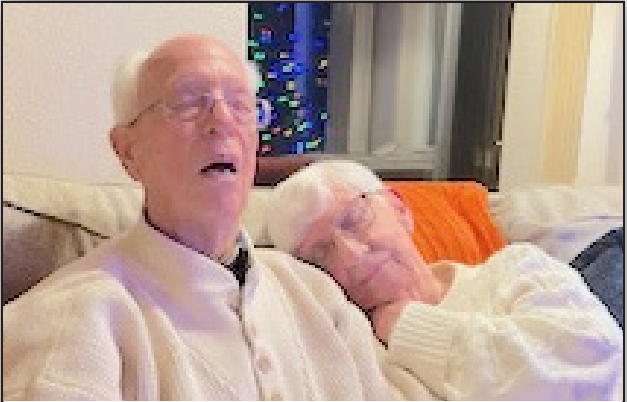
“I asked the fire chief what my cost would be. He told me no cost as our county taxes provide some of the volunteer fire department’s expenses. I was relieved and wrote a check for \$500 as a donation. The volunteer fire department facility is four and a half miles to the south, and its reputation is great. I can see why from personal experience.

“Not much else is new, except three weeks ago, we had a terrible windstorm blow through. My trees to the south survived, although one treetop about 50 feet tall broke from the bottom trunk. It fell against my Dodge pickup truck, brushing up against the front grill. Thankfully, the grill was stained green by the foliage and came clean with a good wash down.

“I just returned home from a trip to a family reunion north of Lacey, Washington. I planned to drive west via Highway 12 to avoid the Seattle/Tacoma traffic. The scenery and traffic were nice, except when I got to Natchez, a highway sign advised that White Pass was closed. So around Highway 410, I drove, then into the heavy traffic of Sumner and Puyallup, and finally, I-5 south to Lacey. Traffic in the Puget Sound east side is one of two huge reasons I migrated to Big Sky Montana. However, I drove a 1,127-mile round trip, enjoyed the reunion, and relished the pats on my back as I was the oldest person there.

“That’s all I’ve got to say, except... keep your powder dry and hope the creek don’t rise!”

Loretta (Ransom) Hucks shared a picture she calls Geriatric Party Time. “My partner, DeWayne Boyd and I living it up!”



DeWayne Boyd and Loretta (Ransom) Hucks

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue... keep those cards and letters (and emails!) coming! Remember the All-Class Luncheon on June 7th. You’ll find more information in this edition of *Totem II*.

In Memoriam

The following are the more recent obits that our classmate, **Darrel Bangerter**, found:

Sharon (Coleman) Thomas of Olympia, WA, passed away on August 16, 2023, after a long struggle with illness. Sharon was born in Seattle on February 15, 1935. She graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla in 1957, where she was a member of Alph Chi Omega and Phi Beta Kappa.



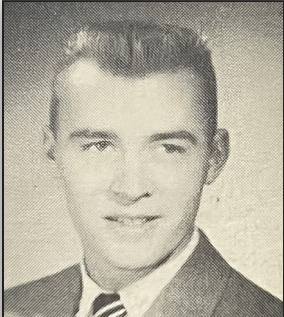
Sharon Coleman

She married Kay Thomas in 1957 and joined him as a teacher at North Thurston High School, where she taught Language Arts. She became a reader of College Board Essays for the Educational Testing Service in New York. When Kay Thomas became Vice Principal of North Thurston High School, Sharon joined the group of teachers who opened Timberline High School in 1970. She was voted Teacher of the Year 1980-1981 at Timberline and the NTEA Teacher of the Year in 1993-1994.

Kay and Sharon Thomas had two children and three grandchildren. They will miss her very much, as will her many friends and students.



Peter Harold Hansell passed away peacefully on November 22, 2024, in Edmonds, WA, at 89. Peter was born in Fargo, ND on January 31, 1935. His family soon moved to Ballard, where Peter attended LHS. Peter attended the UW, earning his BA in Accounting in 1958. After graduating, Peter worked successfully as a CPA at Peterson Sullivan



Peter Hansell

in Seattle before starting Stafford Hansell Homes with his long-time business partner Brien Stafford. Their successful run included building 100s of homes in the Puget Sound area including some of the first condos in Washington State. Peter became deeply involved in the Master Builders Association, forming lifelong friendships and serving as President in 1979.

Peter and the love of his life, Marlene Ann Holman, were married for an amazing 68 years until Marlene’s passing earlier this year in February. Peter’s amazing love and dedication to Marlene as she battled Alzheimer’s for the past 10 years was unbelievable. Peter would drive down every day to hold her hand and comfort her. He eventually moved into the assisted living facility to be by her side until her passing.

Peter and Marlene raised three kids. They lived a very active lifestyle supporting all three kids in numerous sports and spending winter weekends skiing at Stevens Pass and summer weekends at a rustic cabin on Hood Canal.

With the kids gone, they built a beautiful home on Camano Island. This home was built to entertain, and they held many parties. They then moved to Skagit Valley, where Peter and Marlene built another home and became members of the Skagit Valley Golf & Country Club. Peter was an accomplished golfer and active in the men’s club, where he enjoyed golf and BBQing for friends, old and new, on their back patio.

Peter lived a long and full life and set the standard as a great father and grandfather. Peter made a difference for many people through his enormous generosity, ability to connect and communicate, and great sense of humor. He loved sports and had season tickets to the Seahawks and Sonics. He is greatly missed by those who were lucky enough to know him.

Evelyn Marie (Hansen) Antilla passed away peacefully on September 12, 2021, in Issaquah, WA. She was born on January 28, 1936, in Seattle. Her father’s family from Norway founded Hansen Boat Company in Ballard, building commercial fishing vessels and yachts for over 100 years. Her mother’s father, Michael



Evelyn Hansen

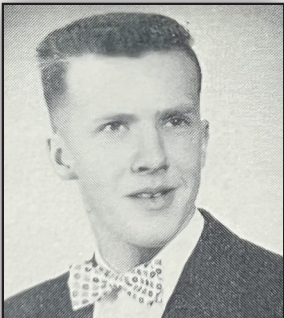
Brott, conducted the Seattle streetcar that ran the Green Lake perimeter in the early 1900s.

Evie attended Daniel Bagley Grammar School, LHS, and the UW before becoming a United Airlines stewardess on Mexico, Hawaii, and Tokyo routes in the early ’50s. In the late ’60s, she met Art Antilla, a Northwest Airline Captain, on a blind date arranged by her co-worker, his son, Art Jr. They married in 1970 and celebrated 40 years together, traveling on their private plane and enjoying their Puyallup farm and hilltop Orting home, with Mt. Rainier their closest neighbor.

As import shop partners, Evie and dear friends Judy and Carolyn opened Hansdatters, named so because each of their maiden names was Hansen. On buying trips to Scandinavia, they selected beautiful textiles, wood carvings, and paintings and served Norwegian meals/pastries at the shop.

Evie’s relationship with God was quiet, lifelong, and true. She once visited Mother Teresa in Calcutta when she and other pilot spouses helped sponsor an orphan airlift for hopeful adoptive parents in the U.S. Her loving generosity and kind heart will be talked about forever because we’ll never know anyone like her.

Richard Earle Mobley went to be with the Lord on July 30, 2024. He passed away peacefully in his sleep at home, surrounded by family. Richard was born on June 23, 1935, in Seattle. An only child, he spent his early years



Richard Mobley

in Washington before moving to San Francisco. The family later returned to Seattle, where Richard graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953. He attended the UW, where he entered the College of Forestry and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor’s degree.

In 1959, Richard enlisted in the Washington State National Guard, completing his basic training at Fort Ord in Monterey, California. Assigned to A Co 161st Infantry as a mortarman, he earned the rank of Sergeant (E-5) by the end of his service. Richard had a diverse career, starting as a grocery bagger at Ballard A&P in 1952 and packing school supplies as the King County Director’s Assistant in 1953. He worked for Stefan’s Automotive Repair Service in Shilshole in 1954 and built a Class B Utility Racing Boat in 1955. He was employed by Kenworth Motor Truck company in 1959 and later worked for Pope and Talbot (pulp products) in Oak Ridge, OR, for a year. After 13 years at Reichold Chemicals in Tacoma, WA, he decided to pursue his passion for woodworking. In 1974, he started his own business, Pacific Artisan, creating custom-made furniture from his garage.

Richard met his wife, Tina Blatz, in the fall of 1958 during a fishing trip in Kamloops, BC. He was smitten and went to great lengths to see her again, writing letters, borrowing cars, and piloting light aircraft. They married in November 1969 in Vernon, BC. Together, they enjoyed 55 years filled with children and grandchildren, attending kids’ sporting events, camping, road trips, vacations, holidays at home, skiing at Crystal Mountain, worship, and weekly viewings of Foyles War or Poirot by the fireplace. An avid outdoorsman, Richard loved hiking, fishing, water-skiing, and snow-skiing. He summited Glacier Peak and Mount Baker. He was active in the church, sang in the choir, attended Bible study, and had deep faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. He cherished road trips and family gatherings.

Jan (Williams) Fitzpatrick passed away peacefully Friday, January 12, 2024, at



Jan Williams

home with her loving family at her side. Jan was born in Glendale, CA, on May 12, 1935, and lived the life of an only child and loved it. They lived in Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Twin Falls, ID, and Seattle during her childhood before settling in Merced, CA. Jan went to the UW, where she met her future husband, Bob Fitzpatrick. After graduating in 1956, Jan and Bob were happily married at the end of that year. They lived in Seattle for several years before moving to Olympia, WA, and then Yakima. In 1971, they moved to Boise and have lived there ever since. Jan worked for the law firm Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett, and Blanton for 20+ years, and then they both retired in 1994.

Every Christmas, she would give all her friends cinnamon rolls, and they all wanted the recipe, but it was a secret. Jan dragged Bob’s heels all over the world to see Ireland, Europe, Russia, the Mediterranean, all parts of the Caribbean, Mexico, and, of course, most of the United States. It was great fun for the whole family when they decided to start staying somewhere “sunny” for the month of February and have each of the kids spend a week. Lincoln City, OR, became their favorite getaway, going there 2 to 3 times a year. Family and friends were very important to Bob and Jan. They hosted many events, including Boise River Tubing get-togethers, backyard BBQs, and, most importantly, Boise State Tailgate parties. Everyone was their friend.

Dimitra “Mimi” (Jatos) Palumbis, was born in Seattle on September 29th, 1935. She was an accomplished pianist, studying classical music at the esteemed Cornish School of Arts, the largest and most prestigious music school west of Chicago. Mimi not only graduated from Seattle’s Lincoln High School but earned her Greek Language Proficiency Diploma after 12 years of Greek Language School. She studied and worked at the University of Washington while maintaining a vibrant social life with her friends and family.



Dimitra Jatos

Mimi was very involved with her St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox community, whether decorating and riding the Seafair Parade float for the Maids of Athens or fundraising for philanthropic events. She absolutely loved being a “Seattle girl,” but all that changed after meeting a tall, dark, handsome man from Portland, Oregon: Pete Palumbis.

Mimi and Pete were married in Seattle in 1957 and began living in Portland, where she was employed at Tektronix and, later, PCC. They moved to Lake Oswego, OR, in 1961, where they proudly raised their four children, always with the motto, “It is a privilege to be in this family!” She immersed herself in her children’s lives, whether it be leading a Campfire Girls troupe, Palisades Room Parent, or fan of whatever team they played on; they were her life. She was also an amazing chef who loved to host gatherings from family dinners to large holiday parties.

Mary Lou (Pappas) Dammand passed away peacefully on November 20, 2022, at 87. She was born in Seattle on January 21, 1935.



Mary Lou Pappas

Mary Lou graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953 and went to Central Washington University. At college, she met the love of her life, Kenneth Charles “Chuck” Dammand. They were married June 22, 1957, at St. Andrew’s Church in Seattle.

After a short stay in Portland, Oregon, Mary Lou and Chuck settled in Seattle, where they purchased a home in West Seattle that overlooked the Puget Sound. They raised three children in this home.

Mary Lou had several jobs throughout her life but focused on raising her children. She enjoyed volunteering at her kids’ schools and helping with their activities. Although she didn’t participate in many sports, she was always willing to play baseball, basketball, football, or soccer with her kids and grandkids. She also loved attending their games and musical performances, where she cheered enthusiastically.

Mary Lou loved gardening, reading, writing, volunteering, walking, swimming, and enjoying the view of Alki from her deck. She enjoyed traveling, and her favorite places to visit were Lincoln City, Oregon, and Maui, Hawaii. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren, taking them to the park, beach, and out for popcorn and ice cream.

Arden Grenfell passed away on November 24, 2020, at 86, after a 10-year struggle with multiple myeloma and related conditions. Arden was born and grew up in Seattle, attended both Holy Names Academy HS and Lincoln HS, and acquired her GED from the Department of Education in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, in August 1966. She obtained her Bachelor’s and Master of Arts in Psychology in December 1977 and June 1994, respectively, from Antioch University in Seattle.



Arden Grenfell

Helen (Snow) Bjornson was born in Seattle on January 16, 1936, and passed away after living in the moment with Alzheimer’s on September 20, 2022.



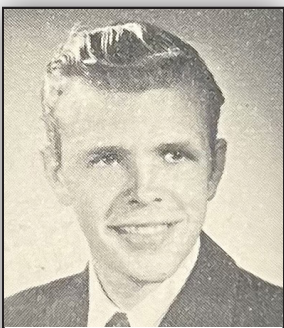
Helen Snow

“Dear Mom - A love letter from all of us. Helen Hope Snow Bjornson, you showed us all how to live fully and beautifully. You taught us to lead courageously as you tried to change the world around you. You showed us that a sense of humor can bring light even into the darkest days. You freely shared your creativity and talents with those around you. You loved us fiercely. One of the many roles you played in life was that of mother. You have seven amazing children, if we do say so ourselves. We owe so much of our goodness to you: how to love, be a sounding board, and not take ourselves too seriously. Together, you and Dad showed us how to be the best teammates in this game called life. It brings us peace to know you two are reunited. You have grandchildren and great-grandchildren galore, who all adore you. Yes, you attended important events and milestones, but what they will all remember most are the little moments. Things like the sucker parties, DQ jammie runs, doing the crossword puzzle, having a piece of well-burnt toast, dancing to Sneaky Snake, chunky dunking in the lake, looky-looing on the boat, and countless other memories. More than anything, they will remember how you respected them, spoke to them like adults, and loved them completely. You knew the world had both dark and light. Your own story had plenty of both. Mom, you showed us all how to make a difference in this world. The leadership, determination, and love you poured into The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center as a volunteer and later as board president positively impacted the lives of many young, abused women and men in our community.

“As an artist, you used a mix of creativity, grit, and clever ideas to create beauty and whimsy. (We know you are rolling your eyes, but you were an artist!) You and your friend Donna wrote and published the book *The Garden*, which was a Fargo favorite. How about the year you transformed our fishing boat into a Viking Ship? Or the fact that you had a vision for a beautiful English garden and then brought it to life. Mom, you never stopped sharing the gifts God gave you, and our lives are brighter because of it.

“It would be a very long obituary if we shared all the funny things you have done. But a couple that make us smile today include the bullet hole stickers on the PT Cruiser and the fake broken leg at your 75th birthday in Big Sky - you got us good that time. You used your wit and joyful perspective to bring levity even at the lowest points. Your humor made everyone around you realize it would get better. We all have our favorite moment when we almost wet our pants laughing at something with you. We are carrying those moments with us now. Countless friends, cousins, family members, and neighbors are smiling today, happy to have known you. We will miss you dearly, our darling Helen.”

“I am sad to inform you that my husband, **Dwight Binge**, passed away on June 16, 2024.



Dwight Binge

He suffered from long Covid for two years, compounded by heart problems. We had 60 wonderful years of marriage and over 45 years of yearly trips traveling to all 50 states in our RV (no RV in Hawaii) with many memories. Also, we toured most of the Canadian provinces. After 50 years living in Shoreline, WA, we spent the last 10 years in Peoria, AZ - a suburb of Phoenix and home for Spring Training of the Seattle Mariners. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, four sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. We miss him very much!” (From wife Mary Lou Binge)


Kathleen “Gayle” (Briggs) Solhaug, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed



Gayle Briggs

away quietly on February 4, 2021, in Everett. Born in Seattle on December 13, 1934, and raised in Lake City, Gayle stayed near her family until 1965, when she moved to San Jose, CA. She returned to Seattle in 1973. After retiring, she moved to Snohomish, WA, to be near her daughters and grandsons. After an extended illness, Gayle moved to Everett where she remained until her death.

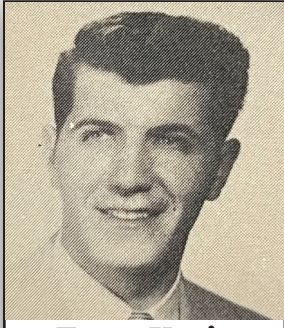
Gayle graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953. She entered the banking world after graduation and stayed in this profession until retiring. She proudly told us that she always balanced the till to the penny! Gayle was active in many clubs, including sororities and bowling leagues, and was a Bluebird leader. She also belonged to a bridge group and various card game groups at the Snohomish Senior Center.



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In Memoriam

Terry Karis passed away peacefully on Nov. 4, 2024. Born in Kalamata, Greece in 1934 to Nick and Maria Kanakaris, Terry grew up in



Terry Karis

Tripoli, Greece, only to move to the US at the young age of 15, without his family or speaking English. He landed in Seattle and figured out how to make his way in this new life, soon graduating from LHS. He took a job at Academy Press, worked his way up to buying the company, creating a successful family business lasting 64 years.

Terry fell in love with Hannah (Ann) McMeeken, marrying her in 1957. He was stationed in Alaska while serving in the US army where they had their first child. They raised their family in Seattle, and he somehow found time to coach kids’ soccer, take his daughter to skating lessons and umpire the boys’ baseball games. Avid golfers, Terry and Ann enjoyed annual golf trips around the US and were long-time members of Sand Point Country Club (where both each made a hole in one!). Terry was active in many social clubs including Ballard Elks and the Greek fraternal organization AHEPA. They loved to travel, from Greece to Australia to Morocco to Vegas. But Terry’s heart was with his Greek community and St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox church. He was a generous man, helping fellow Greeks whenever he could. Terry had a larger-than-life personality, was an entertaining storyteller, loved his family, his heritage, his church, his weekly luncheons with the Greek Papous, and never missed a sporting event on TV.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Demetri and George, and his sister, Angelakoula. He is survived by his wife, Ann; his three children, Terri Hawdon, Nick (Nancy) Karis, Tony Karis; his sisters, Georgene and Tula (both in Athens); and his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews in Greece.

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Sharon (Stolt) Greenfield

We are heartbroken to announce **Sharon (Stolt) Greenfield's** passing due to natural causes on August 8, 2024. Loving family and friends surrounded her as she said goodbye.

Sharon was born on the family homestead in Winslow, WA. She was raised in Seattle and was a proud graduate of LHS. Sharon married Jim Greenfield in 1964, and became stepmother to Lorraine, Jim Jr., and Megan. Sharon and Jim welcomed daughter Roberta Robin in 1968 and son Adam Jacob in 1969.

After Jim's tragic and unexpected death in 1973, Sharon began a fulfilling and successful career at KOMO, retiring in 1999 as VP of Human Resources for Fisher Broadcasting. Sharon retired in Scottsdale, AZ where she enjoyed many new dear friends and the joys of desert life. Preceded in death by parents Hannah and Arthur Stolt; husband Jim Greenfield, partner Art Pattison, partner Don Meuer; and children Robin and Adam. Sharon is survived by stepchildren Lorraine, Jim, and Megan; six grandchildren; and many close friends who became family.

Deeply loved and now terribly missed, Sharon touched all of those blessed to make her acquaintance. With her warm soul, quick wit, and fashion flair, she embraced life with a strength beyond comparison. Rest in peace Sharon, we love you.



CLASS OF 1955

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This is a story about our good friend and classmate, **Van White**. It was the year 2018 when Van was admitted into the hospital for the continuation of a series of back surgeries to straighten out his spinal column. It was to be a routine procedure, one he had undergone several times before. After all, it was just back surgery, what could go wrong, right? But during the procedure, something did go horribly wrong. When he awoke, he found himself paralyzed from the waist down. He was told that he would never walk again. For someone who loved the outdoors, like Van did, (he had been skiing at Crystal Mountain the day before) he was devastated. But he was not to be denied. With the dedicated help of his caring and loving wife, Susan, many hours of therapy and hard work, he has overcome most of the obstacles. Flash forward to today; it is somewhat of a miracle that he walks several miles daily, albeit with a walker.



Van White

The picture shows Van at Dunes Park in Tacoma on one of his walks with his high-tech walker. He has a great attitude towards life and inspires us all.



Intrepid 55ers, pictured left to right: Van White, Tom Saxon, Dave Richdale, Bob Helgeson, Ted Sturlaugson, Jon Hanson, and Ron Kinner

Yes, once again, the Intrepid 55ers met at Arnies Restaurant in Edmonds (we meet every three months). **Ted Sturlaugson** is the guy who now has the responsibility to keep the group going. **Tom Saxon** had a few medical issues, so Ted took the responsibility over from him. Tom is doing fine now and was at the luncheon. Everyone was glad to see him. It is always a surprise to see who will show up. Last time, it was Spud Grimes; this time, it was Dave Richdale coming from Ellensburg. This year, we gave a toast to the Intrepid 55ers who are no longer with us: **Bill Blair, Herb Breitenborn, and Mickey Collins**.



Gerry and Fran Brenner

Gerry Brenner wrote, "In July, we celebrated our 20th anniversary (can you believe it?) by driving to Albuquerque and Santa Fe to do some favorite things. We went to our favorite fine dining restaurant in Santa Fe for dinner. It was, as always, delicious."

"In mid-November, we once again traveled to Palm Desert for 4 1/2 months. By moving up our departure date, we finally had a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner and are still enjoying the leftovers. We are in the same rental home we've previously had, so we and our dogs feel 'at home.' We play online bridge as partners a couple of days a week and get in a lot of reading."



Gene Sykora as Captain Kidd in 1968

Gene Sykora was a Seafair Pirate from 1962 to 2018. He was rummaging through some old pictures and found this photo from 1968 when he was Captain Kidd. It was a position held in high esteem by the crew, who knew it was the Captain's responsibility to buy the drinks at every bar where they appeared. Luckily, Captain Kidd could only be Captain Kidd for one year.

Tekla (Brady) Ellingson reports that she is alive and living in Haydon Lake, Idaho.



Karen (Bassett) Maughan and husband, Paul

From **Karen (Bassett) Maughan**: "Paul and I have lived in Anacortes since 1993, moving here after living in the Washington, DC/ Ft. Washington, MD, area for 27 years. Life is good! Our family is growing. Our son Jeff and his wife Diane live in Olympia, WA, with one son. We have daughters with families that live in Union, WA, and Singapore. Daughter Kim lives with us half the year and half the year in New York City. Her spouse, Shellie, lives in Longmont, CO. Four of her five children are actors in NYC. The oldest son lives in Seattle. Daughter Julie and Phil live in Alpharetta, GA. Three sons/families live in the Atlanta region. Son Drew and his wife Sharon live outside Seattle in Kirkland. Their daughter lives in Venice, CA, and their son lives in Kirkland."

"A year ago in September, we had a multi-day family reunion (38 able to come) at a condo resort on the Columbia River in central Washington. It was amazing! Paul and I are active, walking every day 1-2 miles. We feel so fortunate to live in this beautiful place where we often visit with family and friends."

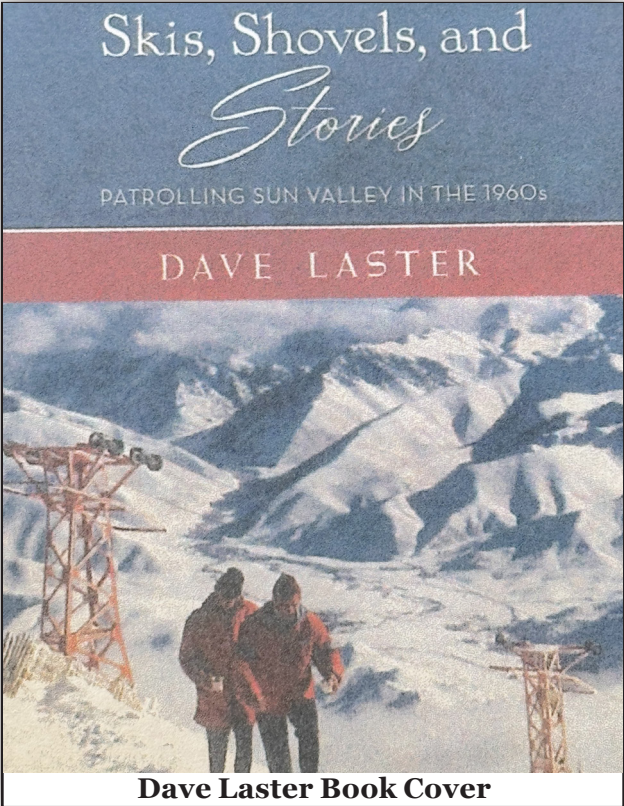
After graduating from the UW College of Pharmacy, **Ann Massie** worked for about 15 years in hospitals and clinics, mostly in Seattle. Then, she took a break, updated some office skills, and spent time until age 70 doing temporary office work in the Seattle area. "I enjoyed the variety and the many different situations I encountered. Having played violin in many school orchestras, I continued playing in community orchestras for several years. I spent several years as a volunteer reader for the blind. Also, I was able to travel to many places, especially enjoying a trip to Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow, and Munich. I still live in Greenwood (former Shoreline school district) and spend time caring for the house and yard. I also enjoy reading daily news, biographies, and nonfiction. I enjoy visits with friends and family."

Eleanor Randall says that she always looks forward to reading the *Totem II*. "I am still enjoying life in Poulsbo and good health! My partner John and I have become total landlubbers since we aged out of sailing aboard the 40-foot Ketch, which brought us so much pleasure in exploring this magnificent part of the world. I find it hard to believe that 70 years have passed since we were launched into the real world. I keep in touch with neighbors **Chuck Jensen ('56)** and **Mike McCallum ('56)**, but my closest Lincoln friends are no longer here to share memories. So, reminiscences from classmates are so valued!"

LaDonna (Olson) Ellis continues to move forward each day. "I spend time on my iPad, playing cards with a group of people, and trying to keep up with my four grandchildren. I have one at 18, two at 22, and one at 20. Sometimes, it is hard to keep up with all of them. It certainly

keeps me on my toes. I am still living on my own and driving my Audi TTR convertible.”

David Thomas wrote the following: “Dear friends, over a year ago, I lost my wife, Mary, of 60 years while I had been suffering from the dual health problems of cancer (a lymphoma) and atrial fibrillation. The cancer was successfully treated with chemotherapy, and the atrial fibrillation was eliminated by an ablation procedure. I am now feeling fine. I had a wonderful Rhodes Scholar trip in January to the heart of the Amazon, enjoying a week on a boat on the river and one of its main tributaries with lots of jungle walks and wildlife viewing. I walk regularly to keep physically and mentally active. I enjoy writing (for family members, not for publication). I have completed a report of my trip, an autobiography, and some musings on religion and spirituality. We all know that aging isn’t easy, and many of us are now coming to the end of our lives or developing the inevitable infirmities associated with old age. May you be optimistic, stay physically and mentally active, and do as much as you can as long as you can.”



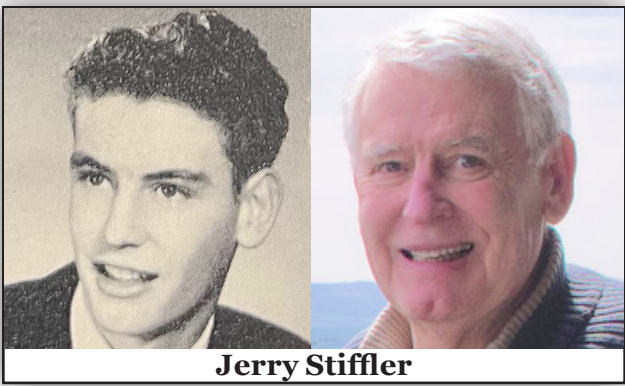
Dave Laster, who attended the class of ’54 and graduated with the class of ’55, wrote a book about his adventures on the Sun Valley Idaho Ski Patrol in the early 1960s entitled *Skis, Shovels, and Stories*. Unlike other Sun Valley books of that era, which featured photos by the official Sun Valley photographers, who liked to take pictures of important people, Dave’s book has photos of the ski patrol at play and at work, packing slopes, handling accidents, tending to races, and dealing with avalanches. To quote John Lundin, who wrote the forward “Dave’s stories may make Sun Valley sound like the place described in the introduction to Star Wars movies ‘A long time ago in a galaxy far away...’”

Walter Rothfus is still hanging in there. Although he had his eyes done five years ago, he is active in church, and swims 20 minutes daily.

In Memoriam
And, sadly, we will miss:



Marcia (Hall) Cayton was born in Seattle, WA, on March 1, 1937. She passed away peacefully on October 24, 2024. She is survived by her husband, Lee, of 65 years, and her two sons and five grandchildren. She attended the UW. Marcia raised her family in the Sunset Hill neighborhood of Ballard. She was a registrar for the Seattle Public School District for 17 years. During retirement, she and Lee spent time at their cabin on Marrowstone Island and extensively traveled. In 2008, she and Lee moved to The Hearthstone retirement community.



Gerald “Jerry” Stiffler lived his life on his own terms. He did so with integrity, kindness, and tenacity. He had a quiet, gentle presence that was punctuated by a sharp sense of humor. Jerry was born and grew up in northwest Seattle, lived most of his life there, and raised his beloved family in Edmonds. He also ran a dental practice in Lynnwood for three decades. Jerry died on Aug. 10, 2024, at age 87.

Jerry attended the UW, becoming the first in his family to pursue higher education. While at the UW, Jerry married his first wife, Carol, and they welcomed two daughters. They later divorced. After graduating in 1959 with a degree in Chemical Engineering, Jerry worked on the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, but his independent streak led him to realize that he wanted to be his own boss.

He liked to help people and enjoyed working with his hands, leading to his enrollment in the UW School of Dentistry in 1964. Three years later, he met Marjorie “Marji” Morrison, a recent transplant from Southern California, on a blind date. Four weeks after they met, they wed in a small ceremony at the Edmonds Methodist Church. The couple were married for nearly 57 years, welcoming two daughters. Jerry and Marji worked as a team running the dental practice.

They spent many winters in Tucson enjoying the desert and played countless rounds of doubles tennis. He was, in many ways, a consummate engineer - autodidactic, self-reliant, and always problem-solving. Jerry built and repaired equipment for his dental office, assembled his own neoprene scuba suit, landscaped a Japanese-style garden at his home in Edmonds, and created architectural plans for his family’s summer house on Mason Lake. In addition to tennis, Jerry’s other hobbies included boating in the San Juan Islands, sculpting, downhill skiing, and running. Jerry and Marji loved traveling together with friends and family. They visited Japan, Mexico, the Bahamas, and European countries. Jerry had Alzheimer’s disease in his final years but retained, until his passing, his sense of humor and considerate ways. Jerry is survived by Marji, his four daughters, and four grandchildren.

Deanne (Loughary) Spencer passed away on June 9, 2024.



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I’m saddened to report that **Ginny Munn** is no longer able to be your Class Rep. She has done an outstanding job at reaching out to alumni and keeping the LLAA up to speed in so many ways for decades.

We recently learned that Ginny suffered a stroke at the turn of the new year that left her with limited vision and the inability to live on her own any longer. When I was able to track her down thanks to her neighbors Gary and Shelley, I visited her at Regency Care in Coupeville. She was without a phone or a computer, which explains why none of us in the LLAA had heard from her for several weeks. Worst of all, though, she is without her canine companion of ten years, Roscoe. Fortunately, her daughter lives in Oak Harbor and has been handling the details of life as she knows it now.

I had never met Ginny before that day; our relationship was based on emails spanning the past several years, mostly regarding LLAA business. What really struck me was her kindness to a stranger (she didn’t know who I was at first) and the compassion she expressed several times

for others who have also suffered strokes. She also feels as though she is letting her classmates down and hopes that one of you will be willing to assume the role of Class Rep. I hope so, too! But I don’t believe there can be a replacement for her dogged pursuit of missing and deceased Lynx from all classes over the years.

By publication time, she will have been moved into another living arrangement located in Oak Harbor. Some fine folks from the Lion’s Club she’s belonged to for 41 years have already moved belongings she will need to the apartment there. She has asked me to share her new address in the hope that she will hear from some of you. Please share with other classmates who may not receive the *Totem II*.

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In Memoriam

Barbara (Gerbing) Wilkinson, a longtime resident of Edmonds, passed away peacefully at the age of 84 on Saturday, Sept. 3,



2022. Barbara moved with her family to Seattle from Moorhead, MN in 1954. She attended Lincoln High School along with her siblings, Sue, Marilyn, Marlys, and Doug. As a Junior in English class, Barbara met her future husband, **Jim Wilkinson**.

They married in 1959, moved to Bellingham where Jim completed his degree, and they had their first daughter Pamela Kay in 1960. In 1963 they had twins, Susan Anne and Steven James.

Jim’s job took their young family to Pelican, Alaska for 2 1/2 years, later returning to Seattle and purchasing a family home in Edmonds. Once the children were all attending school, Barbara became the International Secretary of Women’s Aglow Fellowship, an interdenominational organization serving over 200,000 members in 171 countries. She traveled extensively for the organization during that time.

In her fifties, Barbara decided to go to college, starting at Edmonds community college and continuing at the University of Washington where she earned a degree in Social Work. She was hired as an ad litem and represented and aided many minors, young women, and disadvantaged families disoriented during complex legal proceedings. Barbara also taught English as a Second Language (ESL) to children and families that had relocated to Edmonds from their home countries. Many of these children and families continued to correspond and visit with Barbara as they became young adults and engaged in the local community.

Barbara also very much enjoyed being a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international women’s organization focused on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. Barbara enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, and attending church, Bible study, and prayer groups. Barbara is survived by her husband James E. Wilkinson of Edmonds; daughter Susan A. Wilkinson-Larsen and husband Jeffrey Larsen of Woodinville; son Steven J. Wilkinson and wife Ronda Wilkinson of Wenatchee; sister Sue (Gerbing) Cancilla (’57) of Kenmore and brother Doug Gerbing (’61) of Edmonds, granddaughters and great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Redd.





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I guess we're on the verge of spring, but my feet are still cold. I can't complain since we've had a very mild winter in this part of the PNW; hope it's been the same in your area. I can't tell you how much I've appreciated the support of our '57s during the last 6 months. The encouraging emails after my husband's passing in the fall were a real blessing. So many on my alumni email list reached out with sympathy and/or commiseration. I couldn't believe how many of us are going through the same difficulty, losing a spouse/significant other and learning to live alone (sometimes for the first time in our lives). Learning a lot at our age. I'm often amazed at how much time I can waste on my computer, jigsaw puzzles, pool with friends, and enjoying videos.

Our reunion committee met again recently and, working under the premise, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," has decided to meet again this fall – Sept 11 – with the same concept. We'll be at Edmonds City Park (3rd Ave S & Howell Way) from noon to 3. We will provide light refreshments, water, cookies, and coffee. People are invited to bring additional snack items. We certainly hope that many are able to attend.

Not too many emails with exciting events this time – hope to hear from more of you now that the weather will be more cooperative.

Elna (Rodenhouse) Tymes emailed, "Sorryto have missed the reunion in September, but I hope to get there next year. It was so great seeing everyone last year, even though I was late and missed the group photo. I have my fingers crossed that my book about long-term care nationally and internationally will be out by the next reunion. It's about what's working and what's not in this back 40 of health care for older adults, and useful for both seniors and their adult progeny, and for those who create health policy."



Joann (Georges) Nicon ('60) and John Nicon (front) surrounded by family members

From **John Nicon**: "This annual missive is quite different as **Joann (Georges) Nicon ('60)** is no longer here to edit and critique it. She passed away on December 20 after a long struggle with Parkinson's. We are grateful that she did not suffer and passed in her sleep at the hospital. We want you to remember her, as in the above photo with our family last August."

Keep those emails coming. I look forward to hearing from all of you... and so do your classmates! Remember to keep your LLAA membership current so you don't miss out on receiving this paper. Also, please join us at the All-Class Luncheon on June 7th. More in this paper. Enjoy your spring and summer!

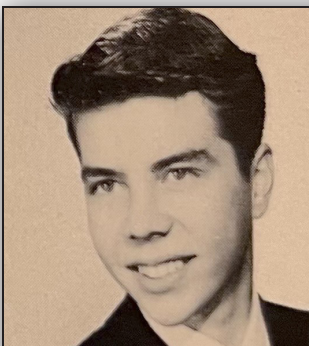

In Memoriam

I am sorry to say we will be missing more of our former classmates:




Bev (Anderson) Washburn

Our dear friend, **Beverly "Bev" (Anderson) Washburn**, died in East Wenatchee on February 5, 2025. Her many friends and the LLAA are grieving the loss of this extraordinary individual. A special tribute to Bev will appear in the fall issue of the *Totem II*.



Gary Sweeney

Gary Douglas Sweeney, 85, passed peacefully in the morning on November 1, 2024. He was born in Seattle on September 18, 1939. They moved to California during his childhood but returned to Washington before he began high school. Gary graduated from Lincoln in 1957.

He started working at Carnation Milk Company during high school and progressed from a loader to a production manager. In 1977, Gary moved to Skagit Valley and purchased Dairy Valley Milk Company. Being a father was one of Gary's greatest joys, proudly raising his three sons. A lifelong sports fan, he enthusiastically embraced his sons' sports involvement, coaching many of his sons' teams. He was passionate about coaching youth football and working with kids on the field. Notably, he coached the Wedgewood "Weggies," where he made lifelong friends with his coaches, players, and their families. Gary was also the head coach for the adult football team, the Skagit Valley Raiders, for several seasons.


In 1977, Gary bought a home at Skagit Golf & Country Club. He has always loved golf, and it connected him to his many friends and family, enriching his relationships and providing an outlet for his social and competitive nature.

During the 1980s, he opened Daniel's Restaurant in Burlington, a social hub known for live music, dancing, and good food. Gary loved music and was particularly fond of George Jones. He was quick to make friends and had a generous, giving heart. He became well-known as the Ice Cream Man through his many years of involvement with the dairy industry. His love for sharing ice cream with everyone was a source of great joy. Those lucky enough to know Gary knew how big his heart was. He was always willing to lend a hand and loved sharing gifts and treats with those around him. Gary's sense of humor was a source of frequent smiles and chuckles; his sarcastic and frank jokes kept those around him on their toes. His life was lived with joy, laughter, and a larger-than-life energy that made it fun to be around him. He will be greatly missed, but as his all-time favorite, George Jones once wrote, "All good things must come to an end."


Joanne (Clough) Turner

Joanne (Clough) Turner passed on October 8th, 2023, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. She was born in Seattle on September 24, 1939, and graduated from LHS. She was a good friend to many; her energy, caring, and love for all will be greatly missed. She is presided in death by the love of her life, Walter Turner, and her brother, **Don Clough ('55)**. Joanne is survived by her brother, **Gary Clough ('60)** and wife, **Karen (Grant) Clough ('61)**, and two sons.



Jim Elkey

James "Jim" Lee Elkey, age 85, passed on February 6, 2025, at Fieldstone Care Center in Yakima, WA. He was born on June 11, 1939, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. No service is currently planned.



CLASS OF 1958
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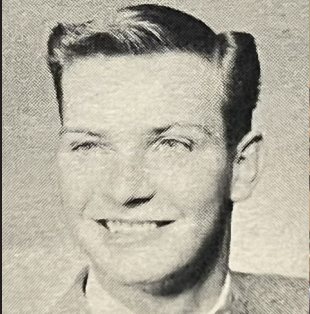




Marlys (Gerbing) Shroyer

Marlys (Gerbing) Shroyer passed away peacefully with family by her side on February 21, 2015. Marlys was survived by her husband Roger Shroyer (d. 2024); daughters Kimberly, Lyn, and Brandi; her grandchildren, Ari, Christian, Anna, and Olivia; her brother **Doug Gerbing ('61)**; her sisters **Barbara (Gerbing) Wilkinson ('56)** (d. 2022), **Sue (Gerbing) Cancilla ('57)**, and twin sister **Marilyn (Gerbing) Christenson Wayland** (d. 2024); as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her two sons, Miles and Lee Shroyer.

Marlys was born in Fargo, ND. Her family moved to Seattle in 1954, and Marlys graduated from LHS in 1958. Shortly after high school she married James Stewart and had her daughters Kimberly and Lyn. After his death in 1965, she reconnected with her high school sweetheart, **Roger Shroyer** and they married in 1966. They moved to Ellensburg, WA, where they made many good friends. After the birth of their daughter, Brandi, the family moved to Moscow, ID, so Roger could further his education at WSU.

Marlys and her family lived in Vancouver, WA, LeMars, IA, East Windsor, NJ, Logan, UT, and Kennewick, WA, before she and Roger returned "home" to retire in Ellensburg, WA, in 2003. Marlys was involved with law enforcement in each of the communities they lived in, a career spanning over 20 years. She also enjoyed travelling, volunteering with her children's activities, and participating in her community.

Roger Shroyer

Roger Keith Shroyer passed away peacefully on September 18, 2024. He is survived by his three daughters, Kimberly (Ray), Lyn, and Brandi (Kirby) and grandchildren Ari, Christian, Anna, and Olivia. He was preceded in death by his wife **Marlys**, and sons Miles and Lee Shroyer.

Roger was born in Phillipi, WV. His family moved to Seattle in 1948 where his mother and uncle opened a restaurant called Shroyer's Diner. Roger graduated from LHS in 1958 and joined the Marines. He spent 3 years stationed at Camp Pendleton in California and in Japan. He returned to Seattle and worked for Schaake Packing Co. In 1966 Roger married Marlys Gerbing and they settled in Ellensburg, WA. In 1971, they moved to Moscow, ID where Roger attended WSU, graduating in 1973 with a degree in Animal Sciences. In 1974, he took a job with the USDA as a meat grader which took him and his family on many moves throughout the US, finally landing back home in Washington State.

Roger and Marlys retired to Ellensburg, WA in 2003 where Roger started a small contracting business and drove a bus for the Ellensburg school district. He enjoyed meeting new people, volunteering as a cook at the American Legion, and generously helping at community events whenever Marlys volunteered his time. Roger also liked to fish, hunt, cook, and create stained glass.



Marilyn (Gerbing) Christenson Wayland

Marilyn (Gerbing) Christenson Wayland passed away peacefully on September 23, 2024, at her home on Camano Island. She is survived by her husband Bill Wayland; sons Keith (Leslie) and Gordon Jr. (known as Chris); daughter Cathryn (Cathy) Nygard (George); her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister Sue (Ron) Cancilla; and her brother Doug (Sue) Gerbing. She is preceded in death by her husband Gordon Christenson, twin sister **Marlys (Gerbing) Shroyer**, and older sister **Barbara (Gerbing) Wilkinson ('56)**.

Marilyn was born in Fargo, ND. Her family moved to Seattle in 1954, and Marilyn graduated from LHS in 1958. She married her husband, Gordon (Gordy) Christenson on August 14, 1959. They lived in Ballard where they had their son Keith in 1963, then moved to Edmonds and had daughter Cathy in 1967 and then moved to Monroe where they had son Chris in 1969.

They moved to Camano Island in 1973 where they raised their family and became involved with Camano Chapel. Marilyn worked as the church secretary from 1976 until 2010. In 1993, Marilyn and Gordy moved to Whatcom County, WA, living on a farm and enjoying the births of their first grandchildren. In 2000, Gordy passed away and Marilyn moved to Lynden, WA.

In 2011, Marilyn married Bill Wayland, who she knew from her many years at Camano Chapel. In this new chapter, Marilyn joined Bill in helping to support and encourage pastors, missionaries, and their families. She enjoyed organizing and hosting conferences for retired Village Missionaries in Cannon Beach, OR, Branson, MO, New York, and Canada. Marilyn and Bill traveled extensively in the US, visiting every state including Alaska and Hawaii. She also loved gardening, hosting gatherings of family and friends, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and attending Bible study and prayer groups.




Mary (Notter) Fahley

Mary (Notter) Fahley was born to Harley and Margaret Notter on May 24, 1940. She spent her childhood in Washington, DC, with her brothers Robert and David. Following the loss of her father, Mary moved with her mother and brothers to Seattle in 1954, where she attended LHS (family legend has it her math skills were so good that teachers used her papers to grade the other students!). In 1958, Mary enrolled in the nursing program at the UW; however, she suffered from congenital nystagmus, which prevented her from completing the program.

Mary met and married Ed Hart in 1960, and together they had four children: Ted, Lori, Kevin, and Kim. In 1973, Mary married her second husband, Warren Fahley, and they had one child, Michele. Mary was a homemaker, mother, and wife as well as an avid gardener. She enjoyed dancing, playing, hosting bridges, and working in her home and garden. Mary was well known for having a beautiful, manicured yard with impressive landscaping, 52 colorful rose bushes, and a prolific fruit and vegetable garden. Neighbors and guests often shared their awe of her lovely gardens and enjoyed the bounty her love of gardening produced.

Mary often hosted Bridge parties with her husband, Warren, and enjoyed having large family gatherings for the holidays, especially Christmas. As Mary's children grew to adulthood, she retired to a smaller home and grew vegetables, although she was nearly famous for her romaine lettuce. Mary's garden consisted of 3 kinds of lettuce (green, red, and romaine), broccolini, green beans, zucchini, tomatoes, green onions, and pumpkins. Mary's garden brought her incredible joy, as she genuinely enjoyed tending to and watching the garden grow and eating her freshly harvested vegetables.

Mary planted her last garden this summer at 84, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and niece, Tracy Mertens, as she passed down her love and knowledge of seeding, transplanting, growing, and fertilizing plants to her beloved family. Mary was surrounded by loved ones when she passed away on October 27, 2024. She loved being a mother, and is survived by her five children and her two brothers **Robert Notter ('60)** and **David Notter ('62)**. Rest in peace, Mom, and dance among the stars.

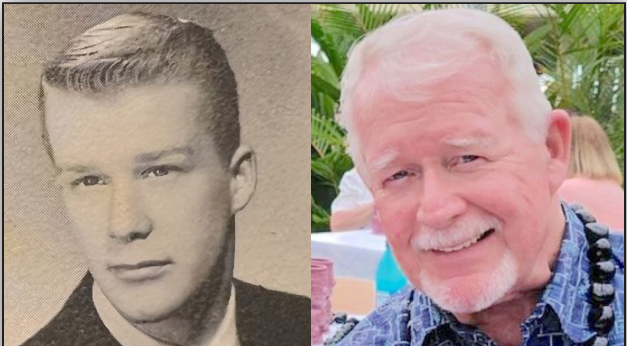


CLASS OF 1960

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Greetings fellow members of the class of 1960. Well, we have chosen Ivar's Salmon House, 11AM – 3PM July 16 for our 65th reunion. Please mail me your check for \$57 per person before July 1st as I will need to give a head count to the restaurant. My address is 3627 Ashworth Ave N, Seattle 98103. Not much else for now other than the following classmates who have gone "Beyond the Reef."

In Memoriam

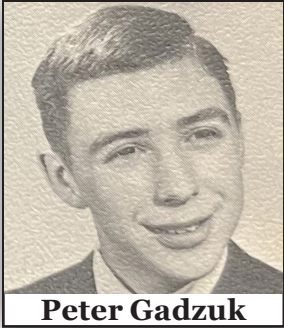


John Jardine

John Scott Jardine passed away from cancer on January 24, 2025, in Seattle, WA. He was born on March 6, 1942, in Seattle and lived all his life in the Seattle area. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1960 and retired from the US Postal Service in 1997.

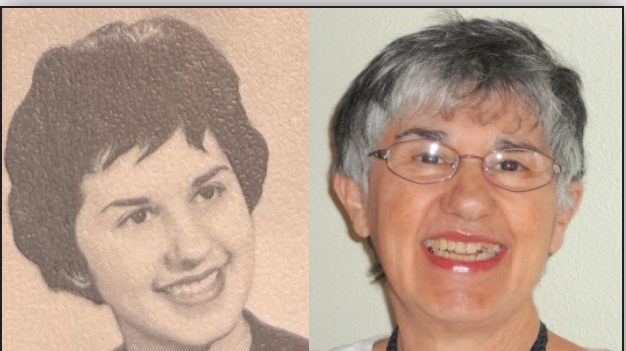
John is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Diane Jardine; son Larry Hunter (Tonette); grandsons Scott Newsom (Talia), Conner Donovan, Logan Hunter; granddaughters Sarah Taylor (Lukas), Kaelyn Gillock; 5 great-grandchildren; sister Marianne Knight; and cousin Jim Pfifer.

Peter Gadzuk of Seattle passed away at the age of 77 on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.



Peter Gadzuk

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Dianne; his two boys, Kevin and Brian; and his four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his third and youngest son, Chris, and grandson Rory. He was born in Seattle and graduated from Lincoln High School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1960 working on submarines. While on leave he met and married Sue Burton, and they raised three sons. He married again in 1980 to Dianne, a hairstylist and business owner from Seattle. They retired to Lake Havasu, AZ, where they resided for the last 15 years. Pete's happy place was working on old cars and trucks. He always had a way of turning a beat-up old vehicle into something beautiful. Later in life, he began painting on glass and canvas. His art was accepted for two prestigious art shows in Lake Havasu.



Joann (Georges) Nicon

Joann (Georges) Nicon April 6, 1942 - December 20, 2024. Joann was born in Chicago on April 6, 1942, and was given the middle name, Anastasia, being that her birth coincided with Greek Orthodox Easter. Her parents, Constantine "Gus" Georges and Irene "Rina" (nee Tsilifonis) immigrated as adults from the small towns of Sperchiada and Kambia in central Greece. At the age of three, Joann's family moved to Seattle where Gus's brothers were established. In Seattle's Wallingford Neighborhood, where many Greek families resided, Joann was within walking distance to Interlake Elementary, Hamilton Jr. High and Lincoln High School from which she graduated in 1960.

She attended the UW and graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees in what was then called Speech Pathology and Audiology. Afterwards she worked on a research project of normal language development in children at Portland's University of Oregon medical complex. After their engagement, she and fiancé John Nicon travelled back and forth until settling in Seattle upon their marriage in 1969.

Joann continued her work at the UW Speech and Hearing Clinic while supporting John's graduate studies and raising their two children, Spyridon and Georgia. Once the children began school, she took up another challenge as the Human Resources Director for the American Cultural Exchange, an international foreign language program, until the organization diminished. Next, she entered the clothing business; at I Magnin, Nancy's Sewing Basket, Coldwater Creek and finally OPUS 204, a high-end fabrication and sales facility in downtown Seattle. Always a fashion buff, Joann's collection of classic clothes and unusual necklaces were noteworthy accessories. After her retirement in 2008, she co-founded the Greek American Historical Museum of Washington State.

She is survived by her husband, John, two children, Spyridon (married to Lisa) with children Sofia and Eleni, and Georgia (married to Pascal Madiba). Although brought up with full respect for her Greek Orthodox faith, she also valued scientific studies and donated her body to for medical study at the University of Washington. May her memory be eternal.

Sandra (Furbush) Spencer, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother,



Sandy Furbush

met the Lord on February 18th, 2023, following her battle with dementia. She is survived by her children Kenis (Ted), Karen (Bill), and Todd, grandchildren Ryan, Tara, Matt, Jacob, Brittany, Cody, Jaime, Briana, Sierra, Makayla, and 18 great grandchildren: along with her companion Gary and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Bill, who passed away less than 2 months after they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2012.

Sandy was a loving mother and grandmother who helped raise her two eldest grandkids while working various jobs. She has worked as an accountant, Girl Scout leader, lunch lady, volunteer guardian ad litem, realtor, foster parent, Safeway worker, and many more business ventures. Those who knew and loved her know she never slowed down and was always there for anyone or anything when needed. She strongly believed in Christ and was a longtime attendee at Bethany Pentecostal Church.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES							
PAID OCTOBER 23, 2024 TO MARCH 28, 2025							
Alumni Name	Class Year	Alumni Name	Class Year	Alumni Name	Class Year	Alumni Name	Class Year
Edith Vandenburg	1944	Marilyn Hedberg Call	1956	Larry Soderquist	1961	Linda Martin Ratliff Nelson	1965
Louis Messer	1946	Marla Hamilton Peele	1956	Marilyn Montfort Arnett	1961	Nancy Dick Rota	1965
Ramon Cruikshank	1947	Mary Yantis Martin	1956	Noel Koss	1961	Wendy Hutchins	1965
Art Johnstone	1948	Robert Douglas	1956	Robert Menig	1961	Yvonne Ungar Dias	1965
Bob Heighton	1948	Shirley Nielsen Tjersland	1956	Shirley Archer Peck	1961	Allen Wright	1966
Jan Vinton Robertson	1948	Yvonne Dean Everson	1956	Carolyn Briggs Wartchow	1962	Brian Seaforth	1966
Patricia Boehme Foss	1948	Amy Hadley Kent	1957	Cheryl Carlson King	1962	David Keene	1966
Robert Heighton	1948	Carol Anderson Welch	1957	Douglas Lockary	1962	Hilde Ackmann Hibdon	1966
Sally-Jo Fairleigh Messer	1948	Charles Crist	1957	Gary Sigmen	1962	Janna Johnson Gardner	1966
Thelma DeLong Myers-Jones	1948	David Campbell	1957	Jack Lyon	1962	Jill Crist Hornung	1966
Donald Ford	1949	Gerald Bacon	1957	Jan Williams Shuttleworth	1962	Karl Nolte	1966
Joyce Menconi Newton	1949	Irma Foucault McCarthy	1957	Janice Cyphers Jarman	1962	Larry Leech	1966
Maureen Beach Dudley	1949	Jacqueline Goett Clark	1957	Joan Dow Bagby	1962	Lorene Groh Johnston	1966
David Morgan	1950	Jacquelyn Coyne Smith	1957	Joyce Wiegand Dodd	1962	Michael Sheets	1966
Joan Richardson Smith	1950	Jerrine Irish Thompson	1957	Kathryn Somerville Housler	1962	James Halverson	1967
Paul Schell	1950	Joanne Springstun Madsen	1957	LaVerne Markel Gadbois	1962	Kent Feldsted	1967
Richard Loeb	1950	John McKay	1957	Lilian Vassen Nash	1962	Mary Claus Ramborger	1967
Dorothy Kleppen McCall	1951	Jon Daniels	1957	Lilly Darlington Haugo-Rusher	1962	Miriam Grant Miles	1967
James Anderson	1951	Judy Williams Soderlund	1957	Linda Ungar Strock	1962	Sue Ellen Guidon Neiens	1967
Karen Gordon Bryce	1951	Laura Anderson Bailey	1957	Marianne Diederich Livingstone	1962	Alan Fisher	1968
Eunice Morris Dedo	1952	Loann Hardwick Eriks	1957	Mary Pierce Fallihee	1962	Cheryl Chevalier	1968
Gordon Lawrence	1952	Lorraine Brinkman Weeks	1957	Mika Inouye Chapman	1962	Denise Russell Chitwood	1968
Janet Hossfeld Armstrong	1952	Paul Eriks	1957	Patrica Rader Shafffer	1962	Gregory Martin	1968
Margaret Wood Linder	1952	Richard Rockne	1957	R. Pence	1962	Judy Fuller Long	1968
Marianna DeSpain Conner	1952	Robert Forster	1957	Robbie Reid Rosellini	1962	Kurt Nolte	1968
Robert Campbell	1952	Sandra Stuart Smith	1957	Robert Bomemeier	1962	Mary Ladd Orofino	1968
Gerald Reynolds	1953	Wilfred Turner	1957	Sandra Millar Murphy	1962	Paul Aoki	1968
Judith Elwell Keller	1953	William Moody	1957	Susan Linker	1962	Randy Milne	1968
Loretta Ransom Hucks	1953	Astrid Moe Pitcock	1958	Wayne Hill	1962	Steve Carley	1968
Mary Fowler Trimble	1953	Dean Nelson	1958	Charles Goodin	1963	Sue Townsend Myers	1968
Arline Nixon Wilhelm	1954	Patricia Fenton Both	1958	Claudia Diorio	1963	Ruth Peck Fulcher	1969
Charles Mathisson	1954	Patricia Hougardy Carlson	1958	Daniel Welden	1963	Philip Caldwell	1970
Joan Monsaas Miller	1954	Rose Ann Payne Walker	1958	David Adams	1963	Ruth Hillman Cox	1970
John Coates	1954	Sherren Archer Pillette	1958	Eileen Little	1963	Doug Martin	1971
Mary Yearsley Andersen	1954	Alan Kane	1959	George Stevens	1963	Edward Rennie, Jr	1971
RoseAnn Jacobson Scott	1954	Barbara Hedberg Salenjus	1959	Kristie Coombs Case	1963	Joan Barrows Martin	1971
Albert Ayres	1955	Cary Bozeman	1959	Lynn Waller Arthur	1963	Katherine Package	1971
Annette Siegel	1955	Ernest Beetz	1959	Peggy Daschbach Martin	1963	Richard Kustina	1971
Arlene Rebman Nabseth	1955	Evelyne Peterson Marwood	1959	Sam Panagiotou	1963	Stanley Cogdill	1971
Bette Costain Brown	1955	Janis Fesenmaier	1959	Steve Caldwell	1963	William Limb	1971
David Laster	1955	John Crockett	1959	Archibald Gray	1964	Lynne Moehring Emmons	1972
David Thomas	1955	Judy Magnusson Thompson	1959	Janet Edwards Koplos	1964	Synnove Naess Turner	1972
Denis DeVries	1955	Larry Holstein	1959	John Swensen, Jr	1964	Wendy Nolte Auld	1972
Gary Werberger	1955	Stefan Miller	1959	Mark Schiller	1964	Christopher Sheriff	1973
John Sturlaugson	1955	Carolyn Harter Svardal	1960	Richard Gross	1964	Dawn Battson Stranne Wright	1975
Kirk Beiningen	1955	Carolyn Nelson Elkey	1960	Ronald Gleeson	1964	Ingrid Haarklou Hinton	1975
Lynn Robinson Woolsey	1955	Dennis Duey	1960	Willeen McKay Klan	1964	James Philbrick	1975
Ronald Kinner	1955	Gary Boone	1960	Carolyn Grosse Urakawa	1965	John Schaedler	1975
Ted Mackie	1955	Julie Wiener Jacoby	1960	Charles Bendock	1965	Mario Carter	1975
William Flodman	1955	Larry Griffiths	1960	Eileen Burkle Perfrement	1965	Randolph Brierley	1975
Carleton Semrau	1956	Sharon Anderson Solin	1960	Georgia Craig	1965	Carol Reed	1976
Dolores Wyse Gibbons	1956	V. Anderson Benson	1960	Gordon Arlin	1965	Luann Cox Spitzbart	1976
Duncan Kellogg	1956	Carl Christophersen	1961	Janeine Rock Green	1965	Cheryl Brush	1977
Elaine Freeman McClure	1956	David Nilsen	1961	Joanne Hale Sonner	1965	Robert Sykes	1977
Gary Rembold,Sr.	1956	Donna Storm Wisenburg	1961	Kathryn Gamble Matulys	1965	Lynn Toennessen	1978
Gloria Godfrey Christopher	1956	Eleftheria Xenos Proios	1961	Larry Haderli	1965	Robert Fingar	1980
Joyce Riss Adams	1956	Herbert Hossfeld	1961	Leonard Anderson	1965	Julie Horst	1981

Thank you all for supporting your Alumni Association and keeping the **LINCOLN** spirit alive!



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Donald Ford	1949	Larry Holstein	1959
David Morgan ***	1950	Stefan Miller	1959
Richard Loeb	1950	Carolyn Nelson Elkey	1960
James Anderson	1951	Julie Wiener Jacoby	1960
Charles Mathisson	1954	Eleftheria Xenos Proios	1961
Joan Monsaas Miller	1954	Robert Menig	1961
Albert Ayres	1955	Carolyn Briggs Wartchow	1962
Annette Siegel	1955	LaVerne Markel Gadbois	1962
David Thomas	1955	Marianne Diederich Livingstone	1962
Gary Werberger	1955	Wayne Hill	1962
Kirk Beiningen	1955	Claudia Diorio	1963
Lynn Robinson Woolsey	1955	Daniel Welden	1963
Ted Mackie	1955	Eileen Little	1963
Gloria Godfrey Christopher	1956	Peter Longanbach	1963
Marla Hamilton Peele	1956	Richard Gross	1964
Mary Yantis Martin	1956	Willeen McKay Klan	1964
Shirley Nielsen Tjersland	1956	Kathryn Gamble Matulys	1965
Yvonne Dean Everson	1956	Yvonne Ungar Dias	1965
Amy Hadley Kent	1957	Allen Wright	1966
David Campbell	1957	Brian Seaforth	1966
David Campbell	1957	Janna Johnson Gardner	1966
Joanne Springstun Madsen	1957	Michael Sheets	1966
Jon Daniels	1957	Jacqueline Bauer King	1967
Lorraine Brinkman Weeks	1957	James Halverson	1967
Robert Forster	1957	Steve Carley	1968
Sandra Stuart Smith	1957	Edward Rennie, Jr	1971
Dean Nelson	1958	Joan Barrows Martin	1971
Patricia Fenton Both	1958	Katherine Package	1971
Barbara Hedberg Salenjus	1959	Dawn Battson Stranne Wright	1975
Ernest Beetz	1959	Carol Reed	1976
Evelyne Peterson Marwood	1959	Cheryl Brush	1977
Janis Fesenmaier	1959	Robert Fingar	1980
*** HUGE THANK YOU to David L. Morgan who donated \$15,000 for one need-based scholarship to a graduating LHS senior!			

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Alumni Name	Class	In Memory Of
Edith Vandenburg	1944	Mary Vandenburg Strunk '57
Joyce Menconi Newton	1949	Ralph Menconi '51
David Morgan	1950	Bob Miller '49
Joan Richardson Smith	1950	John "Jim" Richardson '50
Karen Gordon Bryce	1951	Kathleen Gordon Fish '44
Margaret Wood Linder	1952	Husband, Bob Linder '48
Robert Campbell	1952	Darrell Dedo '52
Judith Elwell Keller	1953	Brooks Russell '60
Loretta Ransom Hucks	1953	John "Jack" Ransom '58
Ronald Kinner	1955	Mick Collins '55
Elaine Freeman McClure	1956	Ray C. Freeman, Jr. '50 & Joan Freeman Wilson '52
Judy Williams Soderlund	1957	Paul Soderlund '55
Paul Eriks	1957	Joybelle Johnson Eriks '57
Mary Pierce Fallihee	1962	Helen Stipek Bower '63
Diane Duey McManus	1963	Jerry McManus '63 & Carl Westling '63
Lynn Waller Arthur	1963	Marilyn Bammert Fall '63
Peggy Daschbach Martin	1963	Dorothy Jo Miller '63
Jacqueline Bauer King	1967	Bev Anderson Washburn '57
Monica Fosmire Weber	1973	Gary Albright '73



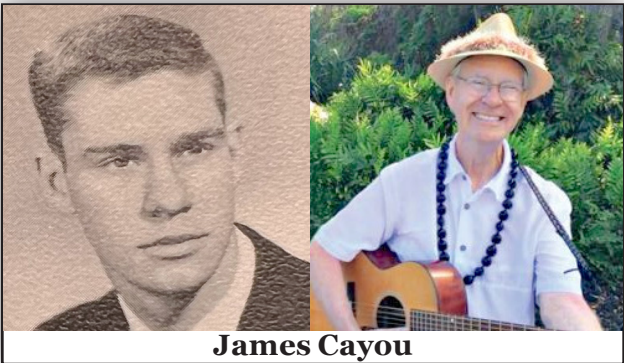
BEYOND THE REEF

BEYOND THE REEF (October 23, 2024 to March 14, 2025)

You can go to our website www.lincolnhighlynx.org and click on the new tab, Beyond The Reef, to see by class all Lynx who have passed.

Name	Class Year	Date of Passing
Anne Jensen Ringstad	1943	12/1/24
Glenna Storkel Rohrback	1944	1/22/25
Bob Sund	1947	9/27/24
Barbara Cotton Henkle	1948	10/5/24
Louise Edholm Pihl	1948	7/18/24
Curtis Brotherton	1949	8/21/24
Gene Bower	1950	11/28/24
Lois Williamsen Whalin	1951	9/19/24
Dean Gullikson	1952	9/26/24
Peter Hansell	1953	11/22/24
George McFarlane	1953	10/31/24
Richard Mobley	1953	7/30/24
Jan Williams Fitzpatrick	1953	1/12/24
Dwight Binge	1953	6/16/24
Terry Karis	1954	11/4/24
Sharon Stolt Greenfield	1954	8/8/24
Marcia Hall Cayton	1955	10/24/24
Jerry Stiffler	1955	8/10/24
James Elkey	1957	2/6/25
Gary Sweeney	1957	11/1/24
Beverly Anderson Washburn	1957	2/5/25
Mary Notter Fahley	1958	10/27/24
Roger Shroyer	1958	9/18/24
Frederick Mack Jr.	1958	1/2/25
Marilyn Gerbing Christenson Wayland	1958	9/23/24
Gail Blomberg Hendrickson	1960	12/3/24
John Jardine	1960	1/24/25
JoAnn Georges Nikon	1960	12/20/24
William "Bill" Carlson	1961	2/13/25
Charlene Lamirand Beam	1961	7/10/24
Steve Skullerud	1961	8/23/24
Gordon "Gordy" King	1962	10/29/24
Barbara "Bo" Thompson Ryan	1965	12/26/24
Bob Smith	1965	10/12/24
Gregory Haughian	1966	2/22/25
Dean Polik	1966	11/4/24
Thomas "Tom" Ossinger	1967	11/13/24
Michael Wanwig	1967	7/19/24
Donna Gourley Hauge	1970	2/18/25
Paul Milliken	1974	11/18/24
Justin Smith	1977	1/8/25
Joseph Hamm (Teacher)	1964-1981	12/3/24

Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.
~ Rossiter Worthington Raymond



James Cayou
From a loved one: “Jimbo (**James Cayou**) left the jam on September 22, 2023, at home in Kailua Kona, HI with his family at his side. Pulmonary fibrosis finally left him in peace. He was born in St. Paul, MN to Arthur and Alice Cayou. The family moved to North Capitol Hill Seattle in 1954. Jim graduated from LHS in 1960 and promptly joined the Marines for two years. Work called so he hired on at motorcycle shops in sales and shop management, then started his own business as a manufacturer’s representative until retirement in 2013.

“From 1967-71 he was a professional flat track motorcycle racer. Jim met Therese Hyneman in 1967 along ‘The Ave’ at the Pacific Apartments. They married in 1969 and had a son Justin James Cayou (Hisako Yamashiro). Tess and Jim remained sweethearts and best friends for 54 years. Jimbo was a man of many talents: husband, father, teacher, student, musician, businessman, licensed youth soccer coach, motorcycle and sailboat racer, and raconteur. His curiosity and imagination knew no bounds; life was a continuous wonder. Some would say he was always the smartest man in the room.

“Tess and Jim enjoyed a 30+ year romance with Hawaii. When Jim retired, they tried out Kailua, moving there permanently in 2015. His musical skills attracted many players, and he had a seat in 5 bands. Music was the liberator for him as he progressed through his fatal illness. He had had 30 plus years playing around Seattle, Portland, and the Northwest in jam groups and the occasional band or orchestra. Teaching tyros about fiddle tunes, country, and bluegrass music was a joy; it kept him connected. His community of friends gathered for a Hawaiian style send off at Kahalu’u Beach Park October 1, 2023. More than 40 people played, sang, and backed hula dancers in a pavilion on the sand. The family and friends extend a huge MAHALO to Auntie Lale for her respect and guidance and to Hospice of Kona for their care of Jim and Tess.”

Patricia “Patty” (Southward) Thompson, 78, passed away peacefully at



Patty Southward

Lake Chelan on October 30, 2020, encircled by love, music and adoring family. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert (Bob) Thompson; daughter, Barbara Thompson; daughter Karen Ullery and son-in-law Eric Ullery; son Dean Thompson; sisters Jean Storey and Kay Chorba; and grandchildren Kyle Ullery and Christa Ullery.

Born in Bremerton, WA and growing up in Seattle’s Greenwood district, Patty attended Blanchett and Lincoln High Schools before going to Western Washington University. She met her husband Bob at a party while working at the UW School of Fisheries. They married after Bob graduated and moved to Mountain View, CA before returning to the UW and raising their family in Seattle and Kenmore.

Patty was cherished by family and friends and was renowned for her spiritual guidance, extraordinary cooking, volunteering, singing, dancing, toilet repair skills, and great sense of humor. She loved to dance (she and Bob were ardent square and round dancers) and could sing all the old songs. Though Parkinson’s disease overtook her body in the last few years, she maintained her loving spirit and sparkling wit to the end. Patty was very spiritual, embracing the motto of the Creative Initiative Foundation she and Bob participated in: One Earth, One Humanity, One Spirit.

Gail (Blomberg) Hendrickson passed away peacefully on December 3, 2024,



Gail Blomberg

at the same place where she was born, Swedish Hospital. Gail survived many health issues throughout her life, but recently diagnosed cancer was finally too much for her body to overcome. Gail was a longtime member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle where she served as Vice President and President of the Church Council and President of the Lutheran Church Women. She also served on many other committees and activities and enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Gail worked for 14 years at Frederick and Nelson department stores where she became a buyer for women’s apparel until she retired in 1973. She then became involved with volunteer work for the national church organization serving as President of the Pacific Northwest Lutheran Church Women serving Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska and serving as VP and on the board of the national ELCA Lutheran Church Women organization.

Besides her church work, Gail enjoyed spending time at the family summer home in the San Juan Islands that she helped her parents build. Cooking, entertaining, sewing, art needlework, home decorating, shopping, music and gardening were her favorite activities. She loved to travel, having visited over 70 countries throughout the world by auto, air, sea and river cruises, and was always looking forward to the next trip. Gail is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ralph. She is also survived by her brothers, **Harvey Blomberg (’63)** (Carol) of Portland, OR and **Charles Blomberg (’66)** (Sandy) of Carlsbad, CA and four nephews and nieces, Greg, Eric, Lisa and Aaron and their families.

Andy Messer died on August 9, 2024. Despite his cancer diagnosis, his LLAA



Andy Messer

membership dues were paid through April of 2028. We have no obituary for him, but his cousin, **Louis Messer (’46)**, sent me a note about him in December of 2023 because “He would never blow his horn,” and shared:

“Andy was a good pilot and good engineer. The military demands that members, including pilots, obey every command. My cousin Andy was an F4 pilot flying off carriers during the Vietnam war. One third of his squadron was shot down, and only half of those came back after the war.

“He completed his MSME degree and became a Boeing test pilot A test pilot must never be a yes man. If something about the design or flight plan is not right, he must demand correction. Andy was this. When the Rolls Royce engines on the 777 would make a loud backfire if they were abruptly shut down, he refused to accept that. ‘Don’t tell me why it happens. Bang is bad. Bang has no place on an airplane. Fix it!’

“When an overload test was scheduled on the 747-400 following a test that required running the four engines past maximum power into damage level, the test director demanded leaving two of the damaged engines on for this next test, a maximum weight takeoff and endurance test. Andy intentionally then signed on as the copilot, because a junior test pilot was the designated pilot. Andy was a senior pilot.

“Sure enough, one of the engines failed during takeoff. The plane struggled to gain altitude over South Seattle. Andy nudged it over Puget Sound at very low altitude. He did not declare an emergency in order to avoid publicity. When ATC noticed the altitude of the plane in this airspace, they called him to ask for his altitude and condition. Andy calmly replied, ‘I was just about to call you and ask for a vector in which I could dump fuel.’ There was silence on the other end, then a rapid issuance of the bearing.

“Andy dumped the fuel, which took a couple of hours to get down to the maximum


landing weight limit, then flew back to Boeing Field. He advised setting up a two-engine landing protocol just in case they lost the second engine during landing. He then tore into the test director about the decision the director had made which could have caused severe property damage and loss of life in a crowded area and pointed out that the cost of all the dumped fuel far exceeded the cost of delaying the flight and changing the engines as proper safety protocol required.

“That was exactly the correct thing to do.”

Other classmates we’ve recently lost for whom we have no obituary are listed in the Beyond the Reef section of the paper and on the LLAA website.

Ian William Bannerman departed June 1, 2023; **Jackie (Britton) Feis** departed December 4, 2022; **Jeri (Walseth) Dowidar** departed July 6, 2009; **Kenneth Sargent** departed August 24, 2024; **Sharon Lynn (Holtzworth) Spellman** departed August 14, 2021; **Susan Ann (Larson) Dunlap** departed November 21, 2023; **Tessie Lou (Bickford) Corkins** departed December 17, 2015.

My heartfelt condolences to their friends and families.



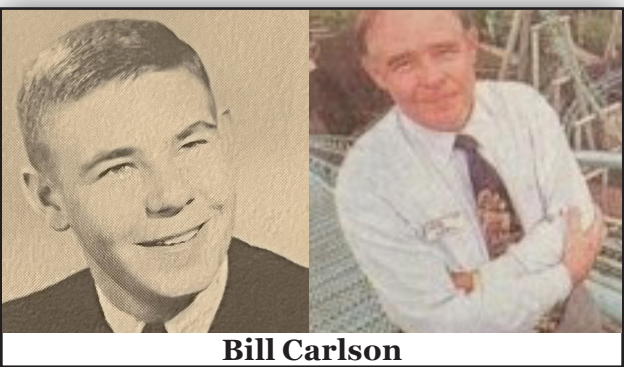
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As the members of our class move into their early 80s, we’re facing a more significant number of deaths with each passing year. When faced with the passing of a friend made while at Lincoln, please pass me a copy of their obituary, a photo, if possible, and any memories you’d like to share about this person.

I’m also interested in getting updates from the **living** members of our class. Please share what you’ve been doing since graduation, your educational and work accomplishments, your awards and recognition, and your family news. I can assure you that your classmates will be interested in reading about it in *Totem II*.

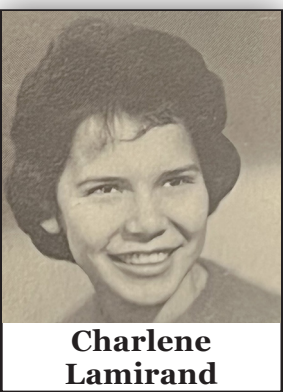
In Memoriam



Bill Carlson

William “Bill” Carlson, 82, passed away on February 13, 2025. The summer after graduating from LHS, he worked on a tugboat before attending the UW in the fall. While in the third year of college, Bill withdrew from the UW and signed up with the U.S. Army. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Military Assistance Command (MACV) special operations forces.

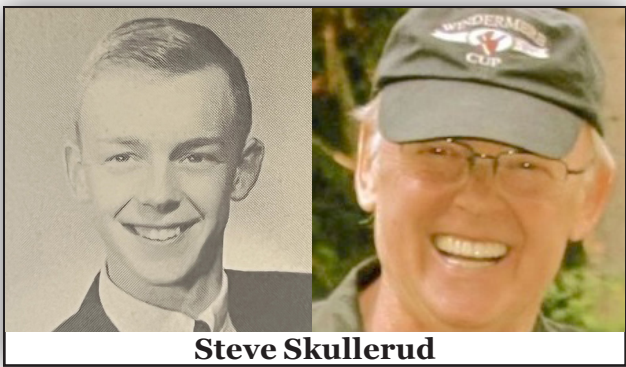
In 1968, he married his sweetheart, Libby, in Yorktown, VA. He and his young bride moved later that year to Seattle, where he worked for the Port of Seattle until 1978. He and his family moved back to Yorktown later that year, where he worked as the safety director for Busch Gardens Entertainment Corp. until his retirement in 1999. Following retirement, he enjoyed volunteering for many years at the Red Cross and The Peninsula Pet Pantry. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Libby, their three daughters, and two grandchildren. Bill was laid to rest in Suffolk, VA.



Charlene Lamirand

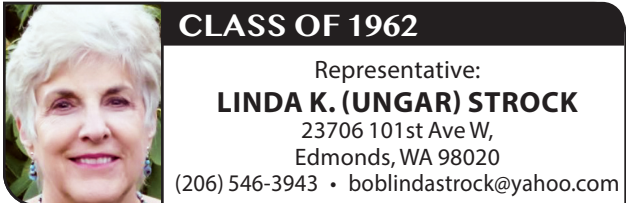
Charlene (Lamirand) Beam, 81, passed away on July 10, 2024. No obituary was available.





Steve Skullerud

Steve Skullerud, 81, died on August 23, 2024, at Evergreen Hospice Care in Kirkland. Steve grew up in the Ballard and Greenwood neighborhoods of Seattle. Following graduation from Lincoln, he proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Skully’s greatest passion in life was his art. He attended the Burnley School of Professional Art and was hired by Teague following his art studies and became an art director. He worked there for 40 years, designing airplane interiors and traveling to multiple countries. With his immense talent in design and knack for humor, he contributed to a vibrant, creative work environment that was anything but boring. His strong work ethic led to numerous successes, lifelong friendships, and deep respect from those who knew him. Steve is survived by his wife, Mary; his two children, son Stephen, Jr., and daughter Shelly Hagstrom; sister **Linda Herwig Skullerud (‘63)** and brother **Mark Skullerud (‘66)**.



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“Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.”
– Charles Dickens.

Save the date! All-Class Luncheon, June 7, 2025 at Aurora Borealis, Shoreline, WA.

Our class is officially **Octogenarians** (80-89) in our eighth decade of life. Wow!

I spoke with **Scott Hopman**. He and his wife spent summers visiting their grandkids and daughters in Minnesota. In September, they moved from Arizona to Mankato, Minnesota, to be closer to them. As a skier, he will love the winter. Scott still has the same phone number. His email is w.scotthopman@gmail.com.

Bob Beck called me to chat. In 2021, Bob decided to come out of retirement because there was a shortage of practicing dentists. He spends the week at Cape Girardeau, MO, helping patients with dental care, and then is home for the weekend. He volunteers to help the homeless vets. This has become an almost full-time job for the past 4 months. He states it is very sad to see so many vets without homes on the streets.

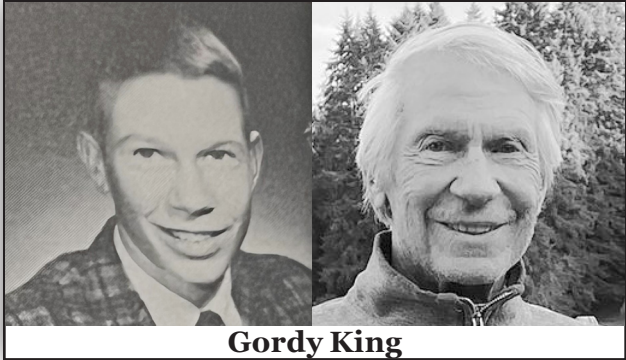
Bob likes visiting antique stores and finding memorabilia about Seattle in his spare time. To Bob, this is buying memories. He has plates and postcards from the 1962 Seattle World’s Fair. Bob and Silvia’s only son, Chris, is completing his college degree, and their only grandchild, Jaden, is a joy for them.

After **Karl Martin** passed away in 2017, Bob planted a tree that is very tall and thriving in his memory.

Please let me know if you want to share any updates with the class.

Thanks to our classmates who support the LLAA with their \$20 a year membership.

In Memoriam



Gordy King

Gordon “Gordy” Douglas King, 80, died in his home on Bainbridge Island on October 29, 2024. He died peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by his family with tremendous love, respect, and admiration for a life well-lived.

Gordy was born on April 10, 1944. He was the second of four children. He is survived by his older brother, **Kris King (‘60)**, and his two younger sisters, **Carolyn (King) Leigh (‘68)**, and **Patricia (King) Christensen (‘67)**.

A graduate of the UW in Construction Management, Gordy married his high school sweetheart, **Diane (Skeel) King (‘63)**, in 1965, and together they created a wonderful family. They had four children. Gordy and Diane parted ways, and Gordy remarried in 2009 and spent the rest of his life with Margaret (“Meg”) Mitchell.

An aesthete by nature, Gordy was a master at creating beautiful spaces. He enjoyed a successful career in the construction industry, where he oversaw the creation of commercial properties and residential homes in Seattle and outlying areas. Lease Crutcher Lewis employed him for many years. Still, he went into business for himself for a decade and eventually directed Holyoke Fine Homes, Lease Crutcher Lewis’s Fine Homes division, where he remained until he retired at age 65.

Gordy was adventurous and was most at home on or near the water. In approximately 1984, he purchased a gill netter and a commercial fishing license, and, as a side business venture, he spent several summers fishing for the salmon season in Bristol Bay, Alaska. In addition, for nearly half his life, he devoted countless hours to the careful care of his 39’ sailboat, Merrow. Single-handedly, he varnished the bright wood every spring, polished the brass, mended and cared for sails, answered mechanical failures, and attended to cleaning the hull in winter when she was “on the grid.” Gordy created countless joyful sailing memories aboard Merrow, exploring the Pacific Northwest region with family and friends.

Gordy was loved by all who knew him for his integrity, quiet charm, and kindness. Professionally, he was admired for all these characteristics and his impeccable work ethic, intelligence, and delicate aesthetic. He is survived by his loving wife, his children, thirteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials or donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation.

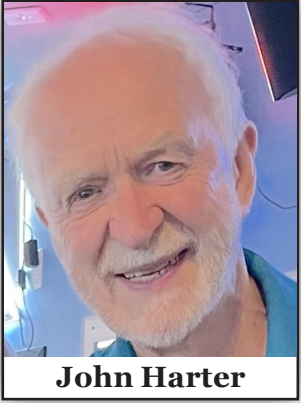


CLASS OF 1963

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Once upon a time, 1963 to be exact, more than 600 Lincoln High School seniors began their journeys into the world, with hopes, dreams, and perhaps urgencies leading the way. Starting with this column, we will present stories focused on our fellow graduates—how they’ve met the world and the impacts they made in their communities and the world at large.

We begin with **John Harter**, a classmate we’ve known in recent years as emcee of Lincoln’s annual All-Class Luncheon and helmsman of our now, annual class reunion. It turns out that John has been busier than we knew. He was recently inducted into Edmonds-Woodway High School’s Hall of Fame as a Community Contributor.



John Harter

Reaching back to 1968, John responded to a need expressed by members of his Edmonds community by starting its first Boys Club. By 1974, that beginning became the Sno-King Youth Club (the Club), which continues to this day, providing sports activities for students K through 8th grade. The organization’s first principle has always been: No student is left on the sidelines—everyone gets to play.

Over the years, the Club spawned everyone’s chance to be on the field of play: Basketball (300 teams, 3,000 participants), Soccer (150 teams), Softball, and Baseball (150 teams). John’s influence and support led numerous Edmonds athletes to win district titles,

state championships, and compete at the college level. But most showed up just to have fun with kids on the block.

John led the Club’s expanded opportunities, including training for youth to become trained officials in basketball and soccer. And he was not done yet. In 1976, the Club implemented Title IX programs and, for the first time, expanded opportunities for girls to compete in basketball, soccer, and softball.

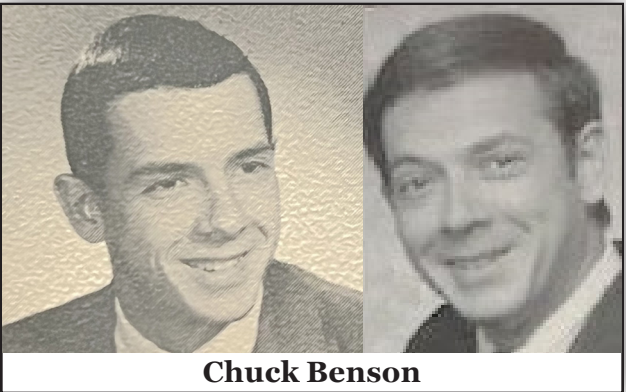
The Hall of Fame induction ceremony included presenting plaques inscribed with each inductee’s name, photo, and a list of accomplishments. For John, that list is long and includes U.S. Army Veteran, Golden Acorn recipient, First Director of the Edmonds Boys Club 1968-73, Founder of Edmonds Youth Club 1974-1976, Founder of Sno-King Youth Club 1976, Director of Edmonds Youth Club/Sno-King Youth Club 1974-1994, President of Edmonds Rotary 1984, and Women’s Basketball Coach at Edmonds Community College 1997-1999.

John’s plaque now hangs in the high school’s Hall of Fame, joining 83 prior honorees.

We’re inviting you to do your Lynx classmates a favor by identifying classmates you’d like to see in *Totem II*. We look forward to hearing your stories and remembrances of classmates, their life journeys, or how they met challenges that made you stop and notice. Perhaps it’s an appreciation for fellow graduates who became lifelong friends and how they’ve made a difference and enriched your life. They might also be graduates you did not know well but admired and cared about, and you want to know what they did next.

The stories we want to tell can be inspirational as well as entertaining. (“Funny” can capture a high school moment that continues to bring laughter in the telling.). The thing is, all you’d have to do is identify the classmate. You might send us information or, with their permission, of course, do an in-person or phone interview. We’re not limited to one classmate per issue. Time to get crackin’.

In Memoriam



Chuck Benson

Chuck Benson passed away on April 2nd, 2022, at his home in Sequim, WA. He was born in Bremerton, WA. After moving to Seattle, he graduated from LHS and WSU, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He joined the U.S. Army in 1964 as a Private and served proudly for 21 years, retiring in 1984 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Chuck served with the 82nd Airborne Division in the Dominican Republic and in Vietnam with both the 5th Special Forces Group and the 7/17th Air Cavalry Squadron, where he commanded an Air Cavalry troop in the 1/10th Cavalry. Chuck also commanded aviation units in the 1st Infantry Division in Germany and I Corps at Fort Lewis before he retired from active military service.

Most recently he was the Chief Pilot for Bonneville Power Administration Aviation Division in Portland, OR. Following his retirement from military service, Chuck worked as a Commercial Pilot, flying both helicopters and airplanes. As a commercial pilot, he flew with several commuter and regional airlines, as well as on-demand charters, helicopter fire suppression, air tours, air medical evacuation, and serving as the Chief Pilot for search and rescue in the Alaska Arctic. Chuck is survived by his daughter. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, **Gloria (Benson) Makris (‘56)** of San Antonio, Texas. He lost the love of his life when his life partner, Ingrid Fichter, passed away in 2011.

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Reminders

The All-Class Luncheon will be held June 7 at Aurora Borealis in Shoreline and the Class of 1963's annual reunion will be on September 4 (the first Thursday) at the Channel Marker in Edmonds, 120 West Dayton St.

Till the next newsletter, may your days be filled with wonder and joy. We are never too old to appreciate the beauty of life, no matter the challenges. Blessings to all. - Barbara



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Class of 1964 Social

In December, several members of the Reunion Committee attended a concert by the Mill Creek Chorale, of which **David Graham** is a member. It was then suggested that we have a social committee meeting during the winter. **Howard Tharp, John Swensen, David Graham**, and their spouses took on the arduous task of finding an appropriate venue.



L to R: Cathy Swensen, Kathy and David Graham, Bonnie Williams, and Kaarisa Karley (Sheryl Witkin)


On February 19th, more than 25 committee members and spouses met at “Off Main” in Edmonds for Happy Hour and dinner. Thanks, guys, for arranging it!



Seated L to R: Mike Marinella, Greg Harrop, Steve Abercrombie, and Cathy Swensen
Standing L to R: John Swensen, and Kaarisa Karley (Sheryl) Witkin



L to R: Mark Schiller, Willeen “Billie” (McKay) Klan, Lucinda (Magruder) Antonsen, Margie (Harvey) Kates, and Bev (Shults) McNair



CLASS OF 1965

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From the Home Front

Greetings! Here we are with another issue of the *Totem II*. I hope you had a memorable fall and winter season and that this issue finds you well. Indeed, we are all grateful spring is here. It is getting a bit harder to discover and explore the beauty of our world. I always feel there is a new adventure waiting.

My wife, Kris ('65 Ballard), and I took a road trip and embarked on an unforgettable three and one and a half week, a 6,000-mile journey through 9 states of the American West, filled with historical landmarks, natural wonders, and personal nostalgia. Here are some highlights:

We began by visiting the Spokane River, enjoying a delightful lunch overlooking the falls and exploring the city.

In Idaho, we rediscovered Coeur d'Alene. In Montana, we traversed the beautiful mountains of the west and open ranges in the east. We visited the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, reflecting on its historical significance. In Sheridan, Wyoming, we savored local cuisine, notably some tasty baby back ribs.

South Dakota was our primary destination. Mount Rushmore in Keystone offered the chance to admire the monumental carvings both day and night. We also ventured to Deadwood and Sturgis, immersing ourselves in the rich history and culture of the region. Driving through state parks, we experienced close-ups of open-range buffaloes, mangy donkeys holding up traffic, and thousands of cute prairie dogs. Also, we could not miss the opportunity to explore Wall's Drugs in the town of Wall. Heading east from Rapid City, we experienced the Badlands' unique landscapes and geological formations.

Returning west, we passed through Rock Springs, Wyoming, and were fascinated with the captured wild mustang horses available for adoption through the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. In Utah, we reminisced and enjoyed reliving our past ski adventures together when we were young; past trips to Alta, Park City, and Snowbird, recalling significant moments like being at a conference in Snowbird during 9/11. We further explored several new states and national parks we had never been to, including Goblin Valley State Park and Capitol Reef National Park, marveling at their unique landscapes, hikes, and petroglyphs.

After bypassing previously visited areas like Moab, Arches, and Canyonlands, we spent a few days in Yosemite National Park. We took in its breathtaking scenery and rock formations and falls, getting to the base of Half-Dome.



Wayne and Kris Porter on their road trip in Mt. Rushmore and Yosemite

A subsequent stay in Tonopah, Nevada, included visiting the distinctive Clown Motel, known for its eclectic clown-themed decor. Finally, heading further west, we relaxed in Monterey, enjoying the picturesque 17-mile Drive and stunning coastline for a repeat visit.

Once we arrived in Oregon and Washington, we hit typical rain and even snow. We saw 3 bad accidents within a few minutes of their occurrence, involving cars and a truck trailer that had gone off the road in poor driving conditions on Siskiyou Pass.

This extensive journey allowed me to check Mount Rushmore off my bucket list and provided a rich tapestry of experiences across multiple states. My enthusiasm for driving and exploring new places is evident. I also checked off one more of the 50 United States I've visited—so now my unvisited states list stands at 7.

I'm looking forward to some more travel time with my life partner of 60 years (married 55) as we try to enjoy this beautiful country and surrounding areas. Hope you do something similar to get out, enjoy it all, and be adventurous. If you ever get a chance, ask my wife about my shortcuts and unannounced spur-of-the-moment detours to unknown places.

I still do get out sailing, but not so much anymore. My daughters and a sailing buddy got us all out on a birthday sail on his 38-foot Catalina—loved it.

Class Updates

Great news, our 60th reunion committee has locked down a date, September 18th, 11 am–3 pm, McMenamins Anderson School, Bothell, and cost for the big event. Our reunion flyer (www.lincolnhighlynx.org/reunions.php) gives all the specific details and how to register, but if you have any questions, reach out to **Nancy (Baldinger) Klobucher** first at nklobucher@yahoo.com or me second. The Committee is excited about this event and looks forward to seeing as many of you who can attend it. Bring your memories and Totem annuals to share and reminisce with those interested. This will likely be one of our last, more significant organized events, so keep that in mind. I fondly remember my time at Lincoln and look forward to connecting with you in the fall. You know, it just seems that we all want to get in touch with old friends and classmates, but we never find the time to do so. I had at least two opportunities recently to do that, but it was too late as my friends passed away suddenly, so don't let that happen to you. Call an old friend today!

Walter Johnson, our lead guitar extraordinaire, has had a band since high school, and his current group, No Rules, is still going strong. He'll be playing at Aurora Borealis in Shoreline on Friday, April 18th at 8 pm. If it works out, come and listen to awesome sounds. Walt would love to see you there!

I received a note from **Jim Rost**. “First, I've moved back to Arizona, Sun Lakes, and after behaving like a nomad since 2017, I'm now back in the place that I should have considered home in the first place. Ironically, one of the driving forces that made me leave drew me back. After literally hundreds of swimming pool projects over the past 40 years, I'm now a consultant for the industry. So, I work a few hours each week and earn some money. But this is not the main reason for assuming the job.

Two things are more important: 1. Over 1/3 of the people employed in this construction will retire in the next five years. I help to encourage and train young people pursuing a career. I lap up their energy. Watching them succeed provides satisfaction. Lots of the people I helped will go on to work in this industry as I did, for years. That's a good thing. 2. This one is selfish. It provides interaction with other people who share a common bond. Sad as it is, we in the Class of '65 are all at an age where we may end up, as I did, losing a spouse. The net effect is that friends and family become vitally important. It took eight years to understand these simple maxims. I'm back, and I'm enjoying it.”

Thank you for the input, Jim – I am so glad you are back and are happy balancing work and family. I hope you have a nice pool.

It was great to catch up with **Don Allen** at **Jill (Lanterman) Potter's** memorial and



share memories. If you ever get the chance, be sure to ask Don about his Army adventures with **Llon Johnson**. Did you know he cut Llon’s hair before entering the service?

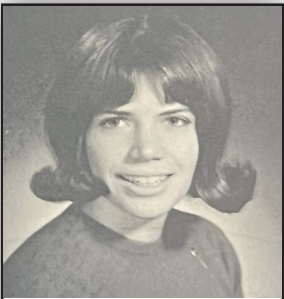
Also stumbled across an interesting detail about **Joy (Grosse) Urakawa**. She mentioned that she is still actively and seriously involved in soccer. My kudos to her. That she can do that at our age, at that level of activity, certainly makes me feel out of it. We all need to be like Joy and as active as possible.

Remember, this column is for you and other classmates to enjoy, so why don’t you drop a note to me or post an update on our Reunion FB page to let others know what is happening in your life, where you are, and what you have done. Keep moving and live life to the best of your ability. I appreciate the input from those who provide updates. It is always great to hear from you. Also, I’m still looking for a co-rep to step up and help with this column, as it is harder to get each issue out with meaningful content and timing. Not sure how much longer I’ll be able to do this solo. The LLAA is a good organization, so thank you to those who keep up your annual membership and support the Scholarship Program.

In Memoriam

Unfortunately, our class numbers continue to decline; several classmates seem to have left us in the past few months. We received the sad news of these recent passings: **Sharon (Johnson) Fruehling, Jill (Lantermann) Potter, Robert “Bob” A. Smith, John Reid, and Barbara “Bo” (Thompson) Ryan**. For details of each, please refer to our Class Reunion Page at www.facebook.com/groups/LincolnHigh1965.

Sharon (Johnson) Fruehling left us to be with her maker on March 28th, 2023.



Sharon Johnson

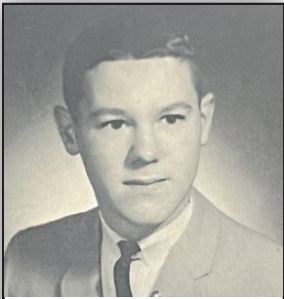
Her family was by her side. Sharon is survived by her husband, **John Fruehling**, her son, Jacob, her daughter-in-law, Karina, her granddaughter, Anastasija, and her sister Kay. She is preceded in death by her father, Dick, her mother, Betty, sisters Vicky and Donna, and her brothers Robert and Eric. She was a wonderful mother and a wonderful wife.

Sharon met John at Lincoln High School and for John it was love at first sight. They went steady, then got engaged and married in 1967. They lived in married student housing while John went to college and Sharon worked at Seafirst Bank. She barely made enough money to support them. After college they moved to a huge three-story house in Ballard. Sharon and John had many parties at that house that always ended up at 3 am at Beth’s Café. They moved to Bellevue in 1973 and scraped and saved to come up with the \$7,200 down payment for their \$36,000 house. In 1976 Sharon was so happy to announce that she was pregnant with their son Jacob.

Jacob’s work took him to Latvia where he met a wonderful woman and married her. They have a terrific girl named Anastasija. From the time Anastasija came to America three years on, Sharon made it her purpose to be a perfect grandmother to Anastasija and help her adapt to living in America. She took her to Alaska on a cruise ship and to Orlando on a train from New York. She had a very close relationship with Anastasija. For many years Anastasija spent every weekend with John and Sharon where she was wonderfully spoiled and had constant attention. Sharon always called her “her little girl” even until she was 20 years old.

Sharon became a runner in the early 90s and competed in several triathlons, half marathons, and 10K’s with her friend Tish. Then Sharon did the New York City Marathon in 1994 with a time of 4 hours and 27 minutes; she was 47 years old. Sharon did all of the above while going back to school at the University of Washington, earning a degree in Business (Accounting) in 1993. She was very proud of the marathon and the college degree that she received at age 46. In 2003 Sharon also hiked to the floor of the Grand Canyon and back in one day.

Robert “Bob” A. Smith, passed away at his home in Edmonds on October 12, 2024.



Bob Smith

He was born in Seattle at Swedish Hospital and grew up in the Green Lake neighborhood. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1965. In 1966, Bob joined the Army and served for three years, one in Vietnam. After leaving the army, Bob and his wife, Darlene, bought a home near Green Lake. Bob went back to school and became a Journeyman Shipwright. He spent most of his career working on Lake Union building and repairing yachts. Bob passed away at home from end stage heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, of almost 58 years, son Randall (Jessica), grandsons Sebastian and Ezra, siblings, Richard, Daniel, James, and Linda. Bob was a happy and contented man who enjoyed a variety of hobbies and loved his family. He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

From a loved one: “Here lies Bo Ryan, f/k/a **Barbara Thompson**. Born in Fremont and walked to B.F. Day elementary school, then Hamilton middle school, and then Lincoln High School. A memorable and extraordinary woman. As in EXTRA ordinary. Not standard or usual or typical or normal or average. A flat fabulous woman of wit and wisdom, of moxie andchutzpah, of grit and gumption, a fine figure and a finer mind. A cynic maybe, a skeptic for sure. With but an AA from community college, she dragged the 6” thick computer language manuals home, taught herself and then earned the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer.

“More thrilling, she adopted a ‘free and roaming’ Mustang fresh from BLM Kiger Plains of SE Oregon and trained that mare so gently and thoroughly the first weeks by just hanging out with her across the stall. A needle-point wizard, never a gym-rat, but she trekked 5,300’ up Mt. Pugh in the Cascades, stripped to a hot black bikini at the summit for tanning, and fired up her usual Benson & Hedges Menthol. Add a 25-day Bhutan trek with 16,000’ passes at age 53.

“A master flower gardener who was lost in her own kitchen. She would way rather muck out a stall than try to follow a recipe. She adored early mornings mowing her Methow pasture on her dear John Deere. A world traveler who was as engaged in the streets of Kolkata as the halls of the Louvre. A voluminous reader of real lit, she had opinions about the Oxford comma. A life-long politics junkie, she turned that dial back lately.

“A warm, faithful, and devoted Mom to Amy, a mentor-to and lover-of grandkids Annabelle and Lucien, a rock-solid core of husband/partner Dave’s soul. Oh, and Czar, Mala, Juno, Nico, Connie, Betty, Butch, and Ivy the dogs, plus Jupiter, Moon and Yoko (horses) and barn cats. The mold was busted in May 1947, and she left us way too soon in December 2024. Neither flowers nor donations: just hug tight those close to you.”



CLASS OF 1966

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We had an excellent turnout for the Class of 1966 Holiday Lunch at Ivar’s Salmon House, on Thursday, December 5th. **Verna (Sorlie) Roosevelt** couldn’t be there, so **Carolie Graddon, Monty, and Connie (Bond) Moore** hosted. Digging into Ivar’s classic fish ’n chips (see photos to the right) were Carolie Graddon, Monty and Connie Bond Moore, **Woody Schorsch, Nancy and Ron Rock, Lee Shults, Mike Davis, Brian Seaforth, Gregg Small, Larry Leech, Tom Ildstad, Margaret (Phennah) Bianchi, Chuck Stuart, Susy (Parker) Elsoe, Don MacFarlane, Joe Matthias and Tom Murray**. Carolie summed it up, “The lunch went very well. I had a great time, and I think everybody did; there was lots of laughter!”

Our next Class of 1966 Lunch is coming up on Tuesday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m., at Ivar’s Salmon House on Lake Union, 401 N.E. Northlake Way in Seattle. To look at their menu, go to Ivars.com. We are doing these lunches quarterly. Future lunches will be in June, September, and December. Make sure you’re on the list, so you’ll be there if you’re in town - or plan to be – too! Contact **Verna (Sorlie) Roosevelt** (joeandverna@me.com) or **Karen Yencich** (kyencich@aol.com).

From **Dennis McMullen**: “I finally retired and turned in my Attorney license on December 28, 2023, after 47 years in practice. My wife and law partner, Cindy, retired in February 2020, just in time to avoid COVID! Also, in December 2023, we took our 3 daughters, their husbands, and five grandchildren to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary ... 7 months late. Cindy is now in her ninth, four-year term on our local school district School Board, this, wrapped around a four-year term on the State Board of Education. By the time her term ends, she will have spent 40 years working for school children in an elected, non-paying job, in addition to her law career. Whew! Oh, wait - she also makes quilts for family and friends. You can see how lucky I have been to marry her!! Last year, I spent a long time recovering from pneumonia, which slowed some of my projects. I’m completely healed, and back in being my usual busy curmudgeon. I am in my 29th year in the local Barbershop music chorus, serving 5 terms as president (old Chanters never die). I’m also back to making wine in the basement, having just bottled my 2021 batch of 74 gallons and 372 bottles. I guess we are good for the foreseeable future.”

From **Karen Yencich** (who no longer relies on her own life for interesting tidbits): traveled to Nebraska (it’s where everybody wants to be in March) for her father-in-law’s 100th birthday party (the Governor came!). Her son, Glenn Davy, is a stuntman working in Los Angeles, so if a film called Freaky Tales comes to your town, you can see him getting his arm chopped off. He can also set himself on fire. Her daughter is an architect at a firm that does work for wineries, resorts, and oligarchs, but due to NDAs, no one knows who they are. She and her father, also an architect, are listed side-by-side (so sweet!) in the California AIA directory.



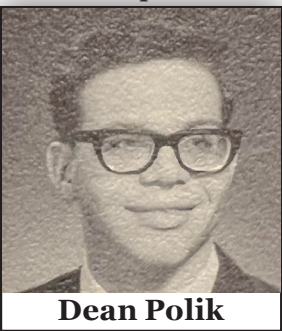
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The Lincoln Lynx Alumni Association Annual All-Class Luncheon will be in June. Look for information and a registration form elsewhere in this edition of the *Totem II* or on the LLAA website under Events.

Plans for our 60th Class Reunion are underway (yes, you are that old). Although the first invitation will be mailed, most further communications will be by email. Make sure we have yours! Contact Verna Sorlie Rossevelt (joeandverna@me.com) or Karen Yencich (kyencich@aol.com).

In Memoriam

We got word in November that our classmate, **Dean Polik**, passed away on November 4, 2024. Following up through the Polik's family business, Acme Foods, Verna found this post:



“Dear valued business partners and friends, it’s with great sadness that I have to pass the news that my father, Dean Polik, passed away peacefully early on November 4th (2024). Dean had been battling a myriad of ailments over the years. He was such a fighter and was always able to win the battle. Unfortunately, this time it was too much. Dean lived a great life, was a mentor to many, devoted his life to various charitable causes and his faith, and loved the business you helped make successful. Dean was an incredible businessman and a titan of the import food industry, but more than anything, he loved helping people. Dean made an immense impact on all of us. I am extremely lucky to have called Dean my dad. He will be greatly missed. Please join me in saying a final prayer. Rest in Peace. Sincerely, Rob Polik.”

Dean was born on April 25, 1948, and attended Seattle Public Schools, graduating with our class in 1966 and continuing to the UW. He later joined his father and uncle in the family’s food import business, Acme Foods, ultimately becoming president and assuming ownership in 1979. In 1993, Dean’s son, Rob, followed him into the business, serving first as Executive Vice President and then, in 2022, assuming the role of President of Acme Food Sales.



As we were finalizing these notes, we received news from **Greg Haughian’s** wife that Greg passed away on February 22, 2025, at Swedish Hospital in Edmonds. An obituary will be published in The Seattle Times in March, followed by a Celebration of Life.

CLASS OF 1967
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I am very sad to say that much of this column covers the passing of our classmates. It is hard to report on. I would love to report some good news and welcome anyone who wants to write a paragraph or two about what they have been doing. Thank you to **Ted Steen** for submitting a nice update on what he has been up to these past years. You can email me at brcaterer@hotmail.com with your news... please!

We did have a Class of '67 Lincoln get-together around Christmas. It is always great to catch up with everyone. We will probably do something in the summer. All are welcome at these gatherings. Just let me know, and I will add you to the guest list. brcaterer@hotmail.com (see Christmas photos to the right).

I want to remind you about the All-Class Luncheon on June 7th. Registration information will be included in this edition of the paper or on our website under Events. Let’s make sure the Class of '67 is represented. I hope to see you there! Enjoy your spring and summer. – Barb
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Also, we had a small girl’s luncheon at my home while **Irit (Peled) Lev** was here from Tel Aviv. We always have fun during these visits.



L to R: Linda (Clinkenbeard) Spoor, Linda (Sherry) Daniels, Barb (Smith) Repanich, Elaine (Allison) Glasow, and Irit (Peled) Lev

From **Ted Steen**: “After graduation from Lincoln in 1967, I started at the UW. Studying Engineering was not for me, and I dropped out after two quarters. I returned to the UW the following September to take general studies. However, the Military decided I was eligible for the draft, and to avoid going in with no choice in my job, I enlisted to become a Flight Simulator Operator. I trained pilots to navigate by instrument and was based at Fort Riley in Kansas after my training in Alabama.



“After leaving the Army in late 1971, I returned to the UW in January of 1972. I graduated in 1975 with a double major in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science. I was hired as a news reporter for a television station in Fairbanks, Alaska. Unfortunately, I was only there for three months since they would only pay me for 48 hours a week when I averaged over 72. I quit and returned to Seattle and sued them for lost wages and the expenses I incurred. I won the lawsuit and decided that TV news was not for me

since, on the local level in particular, there was only an interest in ratings and not informing the viewers of important things they needed to know.

“I started working for the telephone company late in 1975, which at the time was Pacific Northwest Bell. I was employed there until I retired in 2001, when they wanted me to transfer to Denver. It was a great company when I first started working there, but after the breakup of the Bell System, it became a terrible place to work, with continual layoffs until I finally retired.

“I obtained my Real Estate license in 1972 and worked helping people buy and sell houses until I retired in July of 2021. I am fully retired now and enjoying it.

“I was married in 1981, and we had a daughter in 1983 and a son in 1986. It was the best thing in my life, in my opinion, raising and having them. I was divorced in 2006 and remain single now. I have a grandson and granddaughter from my daughter and enjoy them immensely. My son is also married, and I am close to their families.

“In 2009, I moved in with my father to the house where he and I both grew up. My mother developed dementia and had to be placed in care. My father wanted nothing more than to be able to stay in his house and he needed help to do so. I took care of him and his house for 12 years and although I was glad I did it, I would not recommend it to anyone else. It was quite frustrating! My father was able to stay in his home until the last three months of his life and passed away one month short of his 99th birthday.

“I currently live in Kayak Point in Stanwood in a nice little house on ¾ of an acre. I take care of the house and yard and grow roses in the summer. My favorite hobby is fishing, and I especially like fly fishing. I tie my own flies and travel to remote lakes often for bigger trout. I particularly like fishing in British Columbia, Canada and have been going there since 1980. I enjoy seeing wildlife when in the woods and even saw a Canadian Lynx come down to the lake one day for a drink of water while I was fishing. We have run into many bears on these trips, but have never had a problem with them by being smart with our foods and cautious where we wander.”

Class of 1967 Christmas Gathering



Red and Prudy (Mabbot) Robinson



Ned and Linda (Sherry) Daniels



Gordy and Eva Homes



Roxanne and Steve Klein



Linda (Clinkenbeard) Spoor and Sandy Rankin



Gail (Gibson) O'Connor, Barb (Smith) Repanich, and Pru (Mabbot) Robinson

In Memoriam



Thomas Clifford Ossinger was born on May 10, 1949. Tom Ossinger passed away suddenly and went into the presence of his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, on November 13. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1967, was on the Student Council, and played varsity football. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1971 with a degree in Building Construction. He worked for several companies, formed a few partnerships, and eventually created Bottomline Construction Consultants. He built and managed construction for homes, condominiums, office buildings, medical centers, and apartment complexes, especially enjoying participating in the design of projects. He worked on many projects in the Puget Sound area and even spent several years creating NW-style housing in Japan. He taught in the Construction Management Department at the UW for fifteen years. Tom is survived by Louise, his wife of 43 years, four children, and hundreds of friends who loved him. He will be remembered for his kindness, humor, smile, and sincere commitment to Christ. Tom's life was celebrated on December 14 at Puyallup Community Baptist Church.

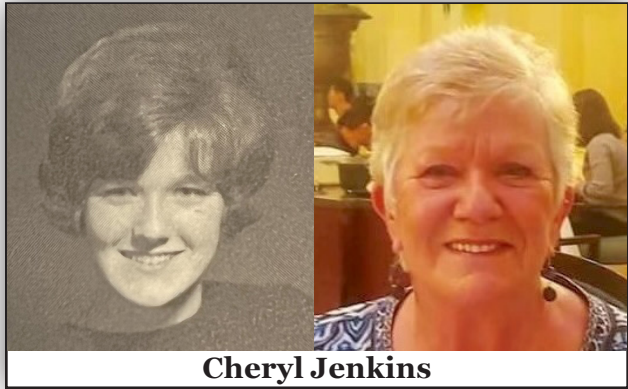
Michael Robert Wanwig, a devoted husband, loving father, adoring grandfather, and cherished friend, left this world peacefully in Hilo, HI, on July 19, 2024. Born and raised in Seattle, WA, on August 14, 1949, Michael carried a remarkable spirit of adventure and dedication throughout his life.

Michael was married to Nancy Wanwig in 1981, and together, they built a life filled with love and laughter. He is survived by his daughters, Lauren Hernandez (husband Ian) and Hannah Wanwig, as well as his son, Kirk Tuesburg. His legacy continues through his beloved grandchildren who were his pride and joy, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

An alumnus of BF Day Elementary School, Hamilton Junior High, and Lincoln High School, Michael cherished his formative years in Seattle. In his youth, he traveled to Europe and Hawaii, experiences that ignited his passion for exploration and introduced him to the beauty of the world around him.

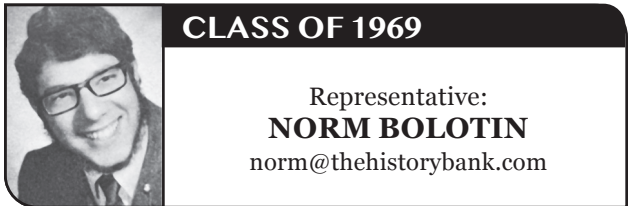
Michael enjoyed a fulfilling career as a truck driver with UPS, dedicating years to the company before retiring in 2009. Following his retirement, he achieved his dream of building his own home, a paradise in Hawaii, where he and Nancy enjoyed the tranquility and beauty of island life.

Michael will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering support for his family. His love for adventure and strong family connection will forever resonate in the hearts of all who know him. He leaves a legacy of cherished memories and profound love.



I saw a Facebook post by **Cheryl Jenkins'** daughter-in-law, stating that Cheryl passed away sometime in the fall. Sorry to say, I have no specific information or an obituary. I have reached out to her family with no response and have searched for an obituary with no luck. I would appreciate a call if anyone out there has information: 360-658-9641.

Many of you who have attended our Class of 1967 get-togethers will remember **Marilyn (Miley) Enloe's** husband, Bob. Unfortunately, he passed away suddenly on February 17 in Mexico on a family vacation. We send our condolences to Marilyn and her family.



It can be challenging to keep up with upcoming events when *Totem II* only occurs twice a year. We seem to be precisely OFF track when trying to let people know about our annual get-together every fall.

After 13 years of meeting at the Northlake Tavern, we had no choice but to relocate when it closed. For the last two years, we have gathered at Razzi's Pizza on Greenwood (8523 Greenwood N), just north of 85th. Last Fall, the date was Sunday, October 13—and it will be right around that date for 2025. After starting the event and ensuring everyone knew about it, **Dave Morgan** decided to "retire" with the move to Razzi's. If it weren't for his energy, we wouldn't have been getting together in the first place. Now the organizers are **Gordy Taylor** and **Gary Wall**. We hope everyone from '69 as well as '71, '70, '68, and '67 will join us next Fall.

Check the LLAA website; I will be sure to post information once we have a firm date. You can also get more information by calling Gordy at (253-405-2653) or Gary at (206) 930-0664; you can also reach me via my cell (206-947-6966) or my office landline (425-481-8818).

Before I report on the goings-on at Razzi last fall, I want to apologize to everyone who attended but whose names I missed. The official time was noon to 4 pm, and I arrived around 1 pm. It was loud and crowded, which is a positive sign that everyone was having a good time.

Many folks stayed until well after 4 pm, and many of us hung around until much later. I think the best way to share the names of those at Razzi's is to put them in a list. I spoke to the following, and I know I've omitted the names of some who were there. My apologies. I couldn't chat with everyone, nor did I remember everyone who was at Razzi's. Those I could recall include:

'69: **Patty Allen, Marie (Bloyd) Avis, Norm Bolotin, Micki (O'Connell) Fitzgerald, Jim Ivey, Debbie Jahn, Mike Linnabary, Frankie "Frances" (Lofgren) Marazzi, Dave Morgan, Bill Oliver, Sandy Stein, Albert Taton, Gordy Taylor, Gary Wall, Joe Williams, Terry Winston, and John Worthen**

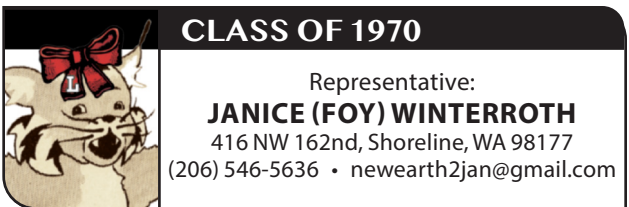
'67: **Chris Nachbar**
'68: **Ron Barker, Scott Chambers, and Rob Hough**
'70: **Neil Knight, Ken Bellingham, and Janice (Foy) Winterroth**

'72: **Doug Martin and Doug James**
I heard from these folks who wanted to attend but couldn't make it: **Tom Lawson ('69), Kurt Mach ('68), Jim Hansen ('68), Ellen (Ojendyk) Jorgensen ('69), Chris Boone ('69), and Ron Cushman ('67).**

I've found that a decent way to keep in touch is through Classmates, but a big problem is that most of us drop by so infrequently. Still, I've been happy to run into some folks unexpectedly.

Jorg-Michael Rustige was the German exchange student in 1963. In Classmates, he saw my name and asked if **Judi Bolotin ('63)** was a relative. She was my sister, who sadly passed away from cancer at just 43 years old. Joerg remembered her from Totem; she was very influential in my life. I couldn't wait to be on Totem staff when I got to Lincoln. Six years may not seem very long now when we're in our seventies, but growing up, having a sibling six years older was huge. My sister was out of high school and out of the house, and I was graduating... from 6th grade!

For those of you reading this issue of *Totem II*, I hope you will keep in touch and try to make it to the annual get-together at Razzi's. Don't forget to check the LLAA website for information. I'll post the date as soon as it is set.



Hello friends. This is our YEAR!!! During Covid, our 50th was planned but had to be canceled. Sad as it was, we held a picnic the following year. Those who attended loved it! It was a blast, people. Many of you were missed.

Following is information about our 55th Reunion (this is also posted on the LLAA website at www.lincolnhighlynx.org/reunions).

Class of '70 - 55th Reunion
Ballard Elks, September 20, 2025
More on Sunday, September 21 - TBD

Be there. We want to see you! Contact Jan: newearth2jan@gmail.com and make sure Jan has your mailing address, phone, and email.

As with all the reunions, I ask you to verify your current information by sending me an email. Please provide your mailing address, email address, and phone number. I am asking Snowbirds and others with two different addresses to please send me both and tell me which months I should use which address for you. That would help me so much. Thank you.

I appreciate all your submitted stories so everyone can catch up and feel connected again. These responses are in reply to Abraham Lincoln's T-Day email that I sent on February 12th, Lincoln's birthday. I hope these fun stories bring you smiles and joy! I recently reconnected some classmates. Part of my enjoyment. Thank you everyone! See you at the reunion!

Jane (Thomas) Marshall: "We are all so lucky that you keep us all up to date and remember the years we all spent together. I'm doing well, enjoying my 3 granddaughters. I always think of you when we visit our daughter-in-law Sarah's parents. I check to see if you are out in your yard. One of these days, I'll catch you. Husband and I are off to Australia next month to check on all the family. The trip is a little harder now that we have a few years on us, so we break it up with a few stops along the way.

"I broke my ankle last year and needed surgery for the repair, then a second surgery in September to have the hardware removed. My goal has been to get it strong enough to get back on the ski slopes this season. I am delighted to say that I not only got back on my skis, but I am not finding any difficulty and am really enjoying my favorite winter sport."

Jim Davis: "Happy T-Day!! At times, it seems like yesterday. Remember President Kennedy's portrait by the office? We had some awesome examples to remind us of what it meant to be Americans. Hope we can get together soon. Hey, 1970 Lynx. Since it's almost March and, therefore, almost summer, I (and maybe others) am trying to schedule my time. Just wondering if the amazing Reunion crew has any information as to if and when we might have a gathering?? That's all. Thanks, Jan! - Jimbo"

Jose Gaitan: "Hi, Jan. So nice to hear from you and Happy T Day to you, too. Thank you again for all you do shepherding our class. OK, here is my report: I continue to try cases around the country in my commercial litigation practice. In the last couple of decades, we have been spending considerable time outside the country. Right now, Rachel and I have a place that is about a five-minute walk from Lincoln. In my free time, I have been involved with the UW, AAA Washington/Idaho and a Washington DC museum project. The end. I hope that you are well too!"

Debbie (Dihel) Kirstein: "All is good. We're enjoying the sun and warm weather at our 2nd home in Palm Desert (near Palm Springs). We'll be back in early May. Hope all is well with you and your family. You must be feeling pretty good to take on another reunion!"

Terry (Nemeth) Farrell: "All is well here in Utah. Have lost track of **Vickie (Lamar) Brown**. I'm not on Facebook. I was happy to get your email and remember T-Day. Thanks so much Jan!! We exchanged our first email last night. Thanks, Terry."

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Darlene (Walter) Cowman: “Hope you’re doing well. I’m loving it here in Arizona. I have made lots of new friends and am keeping myself busy and as healthy as possible at (ugh) 73. Take care and we’ll talk soon. Hugs, Darlene.”

Jennie (Wingfield) Quanrud: “Hi, Jan! Thanks for the fun reminder. Always was a fun day at school. We are indeed doing well. Last year here in Florida, **Elisabet (Tennessee) Hach** and I reconnected over lunch one day. This year we gathered together with our husbands for the Super Bowl. It has been so great to catch up with one another. We grew up within a couple of blocks of each other in Seattle; went all through school k-12 - BF Day, Hamilton and then Lincoln. All the good stuff! We were pondering whether there might be a reunion in the planning stage. Hope this finds you well and enjoying life. Thanks again for the note.”

Theresa (Jones) Henkle: “Thanks. All is well here.”

Paulette (Akers) Gregory: “You are so sweet, thank you! Enjoy your Valentine’s Day, too! I love a day focused on love. Dusty Springfield’s song is still true today ~ ‘What the world needs now is love, sweet love’. We have been in our condo near Green Lake for over 20 years now! I traveled Woodlawn from my home on 80th & 1st NE to Lincoln via the 16 Meridian bus as a freshman, then with **Patty Keith** via **Mike DeSisto’s (’68)** vintage red Volvo. I used the same route to drive myself & friends to LHS starting the day after my 16th birthday. I still love to drive. I’ve been married to my husband, **Stan Gregory (’65)**, for 52 years. We are so blessed! Have a wonderful week. Blessings, Paulette.”

Sandi (Rehberg) Severtsen: “Hi, Jan. I just got elected as NW Regional Director for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska besides being elected president of my walking club and attempting to find a replacement for my position as Area Coordinator.”

Sina (Butler) Jackson: “Great hearing from you. Doing the best I can. Hope you are well.”

Les Sargeant: “We’re celebrating Lincoln’s birthday with the same ‘tradition’ we’ve enjoyed for the past thirteen years, wintering at our 2nd home in Palm Desert, enjoying the fun, sun, and golf while skipping out on the cold, rain, and this winter, snow in Seattle!”

Pauline Minnick: “Thanks for asking, Jan. I’m doing ok, just dealing with normal ‘old’ people’s pains. Doing better since downsizing to Sequim, WA, because I could no longer deal with my 2 acres and large veggie garden. Love it here. I will not make it to the reunion. Too many things are going on in my life this year, but I look forward to photos from the get-together. Oh, a question for you. Did you get hit on the head in PE class with a shot put? It seems I was in that class and thought it was you. Hope all is well with you and yours, and Happy Valentine’s Day.”

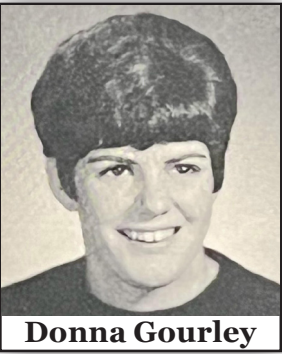
(The answer to Pauline’s question is No, I did not get hit with a shot put. We will have to blame my state of mind on something else. Who was it? Ouch!)

Grace (Howard) Oatis: “I’m doing as well as I can. Mostly home-bound with my MS. But keeping the faith. Hope you are well.”

Ruth (Hillman) Cox: “We are in Yuma enjoying the sunshine. Dave is recovering from knee surgery but is able to play horseshoes, bocce ball, and ride his bike. I am enjoying WalkFit exercise class, chair yoga, and reading lots of books. Blessings, Ruth.”

Vickie (Lamar) Brown: “Yes, I’m still in the Salt Lake City area and in the same place.”

In Memoriam



On a sad note, **Donna (Gourley) Hauge** passed away on February 18, 2025, from cancer.

On the following column are the responses from that email message.

Liz (Laigo) Santos: “So sad to hear of Donna’s passing. We were FB friends, and we’d message each other on occasion.”

Candace (Gaye) Smith: “Sorry to hear that. Thanks, Candace.”

Sue (Bircher) Southerton: “Thanks for sharing the news. As we age, this is becoming more prevalent. Miss you, Lady.”

George Fosmire: “Thanks for the updates, Jan. Do you have a yearbook picture of Donna?” (*Editor’s note, yes we do!)

Ron Lundstrom: “So sad. Another one gone. Thanks for the notification, Jan.”


Einar Tjolsen: “RIP. I am certain we all know Donna from LHS. A great person. With every passing of a classmate, a friend, celebrity, etc., it keeps us focused that we are all 72, 73 and that we have to enjoy every day.”

Pam (Ovenell) Pollard: “Hi, Jan. As always, thank you for being the ‘Keeper of Keys’ for our class and class adjacent Lincoln graduates. I did not know Donna directly, but I do remember her in and around school. What a wonderful tribute to her. Take care, Pam.”

Diane Hood: “Oh my - thank you.”

In addition to Donna, **Phil Caldwell** updated me in the fall of 2024 on **Ken Raff** passing away, about a year before Phil had found out, on December 10, 2023. I apologize for not getting that to you sooner.

That is all the good and the bad that I have to report. From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank you all for your kind words. We did have the best class with the most fun people. We still do. I can’t wait to see you at the reunion! - Jan



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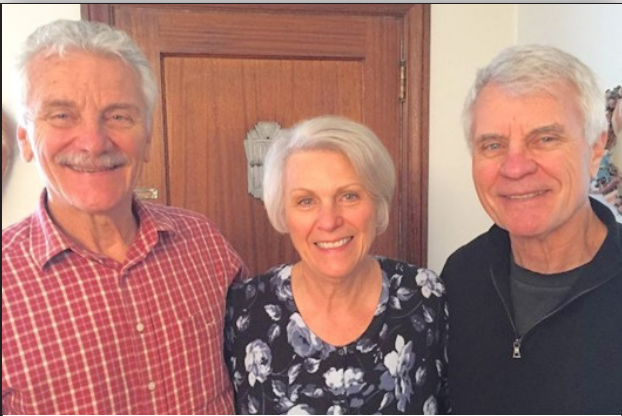
Dear Classmates, happy Spring (almost... maybe...)! Seeing that I am not yet retired, and it is the middle of my busy season at work, I am so grateful for my dear friend, **Wendy (Nolte) Auld**, who provided me with fodder for this issue’s column. I work for a CPA firm in Lynnwood (3.8 miles from home) and work six days a week from mid-January through mid-April and three days a week (with a ton of flexibility and paid time off) the rest of the year. Yes, I still love working!

Here are the updates I received:



Wendy (Nolte) Auld and her granddaughter

Wendy lives in Seattle and has been retired for the past 11 years after 30 years working for Nordstrom. With her husband of 45 years, Bill, she has two grown children and became first-time grandparents last year. (*Editor’s note, Wendy’s granddaughter is cute as a button – stole the above photo from Facebook.)



Karl Nolte (’66), Wendy (Nolte) Auld, and Kurt Nolte (’68)

After a few years in the Navy, **Karl Nolte (’66)** worked for PNB until 1982. He and his wife, Elaine, and son immigrated to Perth, Australia. Initially working in computing, he held many oil and gas company positions. He retired in 2012, after 26 years with the company. His wife passed away in 2014. He now enjoys quilting and traveling with a new partner, Helen. His son, Gibson, and his family also live in Perth.

Kurt Nolte (’68) received a BA from WWU in 1974 and a master’s degree from the UW in 1988. He was hired to teach in Adelaide, South Australia. After 13 years in Adelaide, Kurt and his late wife, Marilyn, spent the next 25 years teaching in Asia. Now retired, Kurt enjoys living by the beach in far North Queensland, Australia.



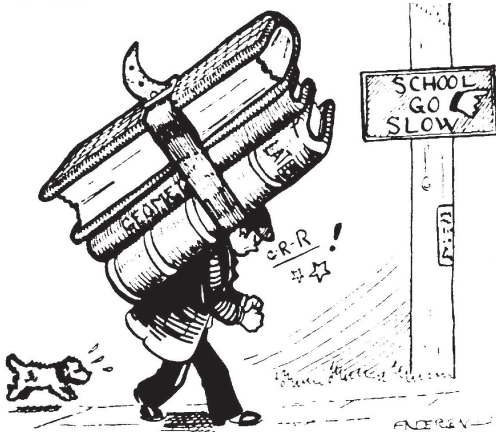
Betty Jo Nolte

Some of you Lincoln alumni may remember **Betty Jo Nolte**, their mom. She was the head secretary of the school from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s. During her years at Lincoln, she worked for **Homer Davis, Dick West, and Roberta Byrd Barr**. She was much loved and admired by the entire school staff.

I’m sorry not to have more news, but here is where you come in! Your *Totem II* depends on you to provide YOUR updates and photos. No story is too small. Here is where I so miss my good friend, **Bill Kossen**, who I could always count on to provide some news. Bill, I hope you are entertaining all those folks “beyond the reef” as you did us all those years.

I know that Carol Huston Pletz is recovering nicely from the knee surgery she had at the end of February. She temporarily bunked with **Sandy (Holden) Smith**, who was her devoted caregiver for a few days, and provided homemade chicken soup no less!

In parting, I hope some of you can come to the LLAA annual All-Class Luncheon on Saturday, June 7th, at our new location, the Aurora Borealis. I hear the food is going to be FABULOUS! Lastly, who’s up for another casual gathering at the Taki Tiki in Edmonds on August 23rd (our usual 3rd Saturday in August)? Email me at LynxClassof72@gmail.com if this sounds like fun, and we can put it together.





CLASS OF 1973

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Boy oh howdy, am I ever looking forward to spring! I was lucky to have been able to escape all the rain and wind we've had by spending two weeks in Hawaii at the winter home of brother **David ('66)** and his wife Shelley. Prior to that, I lost power for three nights. Fortunately, I'm supplied with natural gas so I had heat, hot water, and could cook. Or should I say had to cook without a microwave and spent three candle lit evenings with myself, the dog, and the cat. Those of you who live in western WA may have had similar or worse experiences if you're all electric.

One thing among many that I neglected to mention in the last issue was having seen the Rolling Stones in Seattle last spring with **Diane (Melsted) Crockett, Patty (Bellessa) Groesbeck, and Carm (Rinaldi) McMurry.**



Patty, Diane, Carm, and Monica

It was quite a show, as some of you may know. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards never disappoint. We're pictured here outside Lumen Field.

Another thing I didn't do last time was share my gratitude that **Paul Cardinal** came out of retirement and put his years of experience and very slick scaffolding to use replacing the cedar siding on the south side of my decrepit little house. He is such a kind and generous person.



Paul Cardinal at work

Since he lives in Yakima when not wintering at their home in Costa Rica, he stayed with his daughter the few days he spent on it. With that done, I'll be able to finally paint the place, once I decide on a shade of pink...

More recently, I was fortunate to have enjoyed a few more evenings with B.F. Day/Hamilton/Lincoln pals. There are always lots of laughs and stories. We're hoping to get together more often in 2025.



Ginny (Brookins) McDonald, Monica Fosmire, and Dick McDonald

In other news, **Linda Tanner** and her husband Gary left the country again and traveled to Jaipur India to attend the Hindu Holi Festival, which included an evening of bonfires and a day of painting yourself with the many available colors (see color in the electronic version of *Totem III!*). And never ones to miss an opportunity to hang with cool 'cats' and wild dogs, they cleaned up and continued on to the Tadoba Tiger Reserve for what looks like a 'surfin' safari.'



Gary and Tanner at Holi



Tanner and Gary at the Tadoba Tiger Reserve

By the way, happy birthday, Tanner! (Hope you've forgiven me for the overcropped photo in the last issue.)

Fiona Masters has been trying to connect with me to plan her trip to Seattle this summer to coincide with whatever '73 gathering is in the works. There may be a couple of things this year. I'm hoping to put together a 70th birthday party for us, kind of like the 60th we had only better. And then later in the summer, the Almost Annual Barbecue & Kegger. Stay tuned! In the meantime, I just love these photos from Facebook. Our Fiona the figure skater turned world traveler! She's still got it!



Fiona Masters then and now

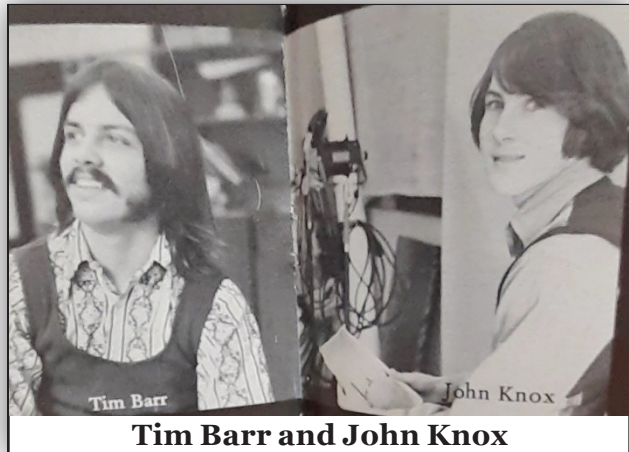


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Here are some happenings your class co-reps, **Jan (Trokey) Lopes** (formerly Gerke) and **Tim Barr**, have been working on.

Jan reports that **Mike Rennie** has been living in Sun City, AZ, since retiring from his career as a King County Correctional Officer. Mike is enjoying his season tickets at the Mariner's Spring Training. Be sure to look him up if you are in the greater Phoenix area.



Tim Barr and John Knox

Tim reached out to Class of 1974 Lynx photographer and soccer player, **John Knox**. John lives on Bainbridge Island, and after Lincoln, he earned his Law Degree from the University of Washington. John has been retired for five years. He stays busy with his lifelong interests in photography, fishing, and staying fit. You can contact John through his Facebook page.

Jan reports that **Georgia (Hazel) Bruce** has been living in Arkansas, where she can be closer to her son, Craig, and grandson, Easton. Funny story, Georgia had lived in Mountlake Terrace before re-locating. Being a sun lover, she often caught the Seattle sunshine while sunbathing on her front deck. One of her neighbors admired her beauty as he walked past her house. Little did **Ray Guardiano** know it was fellow grad Georgia Hazel sunbathing. He was a little embarrassed when he found out.



Ray Guardiano with his collector car

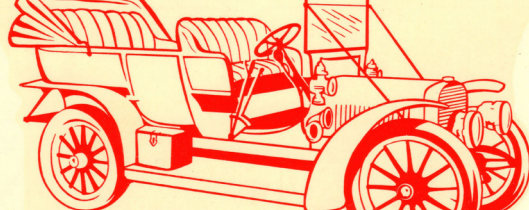
By the way, Ray is enjoying his retirement, and you can often catch him displaying one of his collector car(s) in the North Seattle area.

Your own co-rep, Jan (Trokey) Lopes, also recently relocated to Arizona, and Jan is now Jan Trokey Lopes. Jan got married to Andre Lopes, who she has known for 40+ years. The Lopes will spend the cold months in Sun City West and the summer in Lake Connor Park near Lake Stevens.

Feel free to get in touch with either Jan or Tim. We'd enjoy hearing from you!

Class of 1974 (Continued on next page)

LINCOLN HIGH



Seattle's Oldest & Finest

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Back L to R:
Scott McLeod
Middle L to R:
Mikie Madsen,
Brita Hofto,
Ginny Brookins,
and Chuck Austin
Front L to R:
Jona Ferguson,
Tony Bigham, and
Monica Fosmire

Class of 1974 (Continued from previous page)

The *Totem II* editor, **Monica (Fosmire) Weber ('73)**, reports that **Paul Elliott** has been playing fiddle with the Sons of the Pioneers since 2018. The group dates back to the 1930s, when Roy Rogers was among its members. According to Paul's bio on the group's website, he "started playing violin when he was seven years old. After years of lessons, youth orchestras, and summer music camps he discovered fiddle music as a young teenager. His initial love of old-time and bluegrass quickly evolved into a love of western swing music, jazz, and country, and at 19 he began playing professionally in bands and as a studio musician in the western U.S. and Canada. Paul has since racked up a long list of recording credits that span film, television, and radio, and a long list of CDs. Somewhere along the line he also got a degree in music composition from the University of Washington, with additional months of private study in London with the head of composition at the Royal Academy of Music."



Paul Elliott (far right) with the Sons of the Pioneers

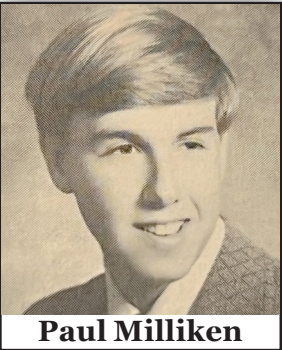


Paul Elliott

Monica first came across Paul in about 1985 when he was playing in a bluegrass band at the New Melody (now the Tractor Tavern) in Ballard. I was chatting at the bar with **Leslie Elliott ('72)** who pointed him out as "my brother on the fiddle." I've been pals with him since then and have seen him perform over the years with more bands and groups than I can remember at a variety of venues from bars to Folk Life Festival, Wintergrass, music festivals and parties. He's also performed at the Grand Ol' Opry in Nashville. Whether it's country, western, swing, or bluegrass, this gifted guy and accomplished alum can play anything brilliantly when he rosins up his bow.


He's married to **Barbara (Nelson) Elliott**, and they live in a beautiful old house on Phinney Ridge when they're not traveling and he's not galivanting around the U.S, and Canada with the Sons of the Pioneers. Prior to this gig, he was employed for many years at Microsoft, as was Barb.

In Memoriam



Paul Milliken

Born February 21, 1957, **Paul Milliken** had a heart attack and passed away on the morning of November 18, 2024. He had not been in good health. Reported by **Ray Cassidy ('66)**.



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Are you ready to get rowdy and party? The Class of 1975 will be holding a full weekend of 50th class reunion activities **August 15 - 17**.



We'll kick off the celebration on Friday afternoon, August 15, at 2:30 pm with a tour of Lincoln High School for those that would like to take a walk through the halls and classrooms. That evening, beginning at 5:00 pm, we'll gather at Magnuson Cafe & Brewery above Lake Washington where we've reserved space for an informal get-together.

www.magnusonbrewery.com

Saturday evening, August 16, will be the "main event" at Sunset Bay Lodge in Ballard. With some of the best views of Puget Sound, the venue has the space and atmosphere to create a fun and memorable evening for us!


www.sunsetbaylodgeballard.com

We'll wrap up the weekend on Sunday, August 17, with a picnic from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at one of our many amazing local parks. We've put in a reservation request with Seattle Parks for a variety of locations, and we'll know in a few months which spot will be available for us.

Ticket sales for the weekend will begin in the next few weeks as we finalize contracts with catering services and nail down all the anticipated expenses.

Contact your class rep **Sue (Bacon) Riney** (riney@whidbey.net) or our reunion chair **John Schaedler** (jschaedler101@comcast.net) with any questions or contact info you may have for our Missing Lynx listed on the LLAA website.





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Mike Kesler shared on Facebook: "The Battle Ground Public School District, where I am in charge of safety and security, hosted the WIAA State Cheer again this year. I ran into our Lincoln Lynx team who competed and did well. It was awesome to speak with the team members and share the stories of Lincoln now and back in the days prior to closing in 1981."



Mike Kesler and Lincoln Cheer squad

"The cheer team and coaches represented Lincoln with pride. Go Lynx."



CLASS OF 1977

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This past February, a group of almost two dozen class of '77 grads gathered at Anthony's Homeport restaurant in Edmonds at the invitation of **Marilyn (George) Gonzalez** to reacquaint us as we wished **Bruce George** well following his cancer treatment and recovery from a nasty fall.

In attendance were **Barby (Blattner) Rhind**, **Kevin Rhind ('76)**, **Brian Cornell**, **Patrick Harding**, **Mary (Xenos) Maciejewski**, **Britt Kammerer**, **Tracey (Kirk) Yuse**, **Charlie Cox**, **George Bray and Bonnie (Cox) Bray ('82)**, **Juan and Luis Perla**, **Elizabeth Tampico**, **Lorna (Tampico) Hamill**, **Robin (Wade) Gestner**, **Cheryl Brush**, and **Michael Eriks**, along with Marilyn and Bruce. (My apologies for any omissions.)

The restaurant's banquet room was reserved, and we had a good room to mingle and not interfere with other diners.

There was mention of the 50th Class Reunion in 2027 needing coordination and planning. Please feel free to contact anyone interested in helping with this endeavor.

Class of 1977 Gathering

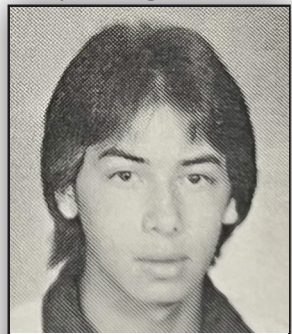


Back Row L to R: Charlie Cox, Bonnie (Cox) Bray, George Bray, Cheryl Brush, Bruce George, Luis Perla, and Michael Erik

Middle Row: Brian Cornell, Mary (Xenos) Maciejewski, (Blattner) Rhind, Tracey (Kirk) Yuse, Britt Kammerer, Robin (Wade) Gestner, and Juan Perla

Front Row: Patrick Harding, Elizabeth Tampico, Lorna (Tampico) Hamill, and Marilyn (George) Gonzalez

In Memoriam



Justin Smith

Unfortunately, **Justin Smith** passed away doing what he enjoyed the most, playing pickleball. He had a regular weekly group that he played with in Woodinville, and he collapsed on the court. CPR was administered, then he was rushed to the hospital but could not be revived. Justin had a heart valve put in about 8 or so years ago, so he had a history of cardiac issues but was in excellent health otherwise. I live just two blocks away from Justin so I will get info on any services for him shortly. Shared by **John Hama**. (According to his wife, Barbara, memorial planning is in progress for April or May.)



CLASS OF 1978
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In Memoriam

Tara (Wagoner) Chambless died on August 19th, 2024, at 64 years old. She was born on July 16, 1960, in Bremerton, Washington, in the old Harrison Hospital, and she died in University Place, Washington, at the Virginia Mason Hospice House. Tara resided in Bremerton with her husband, Thomas Chambless.

She earned her high school diploma at the North Seattle Community College and then received an associate's degree. She got a second associate degree from Pierce College while stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord. Tara served in the U.S. Army for 16 years, from October 30, 1985, to February 11, 2002. She would have gone on to retire but became medically unqualified for retention in the service. She spent over three years of her service in foreign deployments. While in service, she earned many awards, including two Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, two Overseas Medals, and other awards.

While stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord, Tara met her husband, Thomas, a service member. They were married on December 21st, 2001. Tara became a homemaker living in Spanaway, WA. Tom and Tara found a home in Bremerton and moved there in 2009. Tara was a member of the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) and the Bremerton Backpack Brigade, which distributes food to schoolchildren. She helped St. Paul's mission on some Saturdays with the Salvation Army soup kitchen. Her interests included reading books of various genres and gardening. Tara is survived by her husband of 22 years, Thomas; her two sons, Adam Kimball and Thomas Kimball, both of Provo, Utah.

Linda Jaeger was born to Leo and Frances Jaeger on October 5th, 1959, and passed peacefully on March 5th, 2025. As a child, she attended Blessed Sacrament and McDonald Elementary Schools, Hamilton Middle School, and Lincoln High School, where she swam on the swim team and later graduated. She went on to become a lifeguard and swim instructor for Seattle Parks & Recreation, sharing her skills and talent with others.

Linda moved on to work in the medical field at Swedish Pediatrics, where she became a cherished member of the team. She loved her work family and spoke often and fondly of them. In her personal life, Linda was known for her wry sense of humor, love of movies, and never forgetting a loved one's birthday. She had a spark of life that made her a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend.

Linda is survived by her siblings: twin brother Leo Jaeger and his wife Laurie Jaeger, **Larry Jaeger ('69)**, Joan Jaeger and her husband Greg Huber, Marcia Jaeger and her husband Floyd Karp, Mark Jaeger, Susan Jaeger and her husband Tim Brennan. The family carries her loving memory in their hearts.

Instead of flowers, donations may be made in Linda's name to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the American Red Cross, or the American Heart Association, causes that were dear to her heart.

Linda's legacy will live on in the lives she touched with her authenticity, resilience, and unforgettable spirit.



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At a Super Bowl Watch Party, some alumni teamed up for a picture with Edwin Bailey, former Guard for the Seattle Seahawks from '81 to '91; he played 139 games and has a wonderful Super Bowl ring!



L to R: Jeff Taylor, Monika (Aiken) Lirio, Edwin Bailey and his wife, Cherise, Craig and Tracy (Nelson) Shimek ('78)



Edwin Bailey and Jeff Taylor

We had a good time, and it was special to be able to enjoy the game with this much-loved (and admired) former Seahawk.

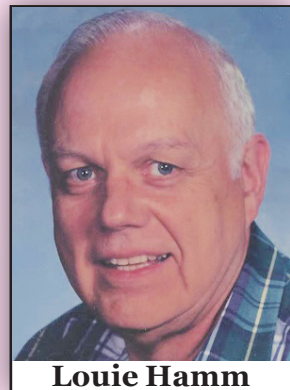


LINCOLN
STAFF UPDATES

A website message from **Jack Kukuk** who was the music teacher at Lincoln from 1964 to 1966: "92 years old and still in good health. Still producing musical events worldwide and living in Gold Canyon, Arizona."

In Memoriam

Louie Hamm passed away peacefully in his home on December 3, 2024, surrounded by his wife, Esther, son Andy, and grandson, Jordan.



Louie Hamm

Louie was born March 18, 1936, in Lonoke, Arkansas. His brother, Richard, and daughter, Marissa, preceded him in death. Louie grew up in Walla Walla, WA, and graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1954. He attended

Whitman College in Walla Walla for two years before enlisting in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. When Louie was assigned to the San Francisco Army Medical Center, he called Esther and asked, "Will you marry me?" She said yes, and they were married on September 6, 1954, in White Temple Baptist Church in Walla Walla.

Louie enjoyed his 3 years of service as a surgical assistant in the Army. After his military duty, Louie and Esther moved to Seattle, where he continued his education in chemistry and physics; simultaneously, he began his career as a high school teacher. Shortly thereafter, Louie and Esther bought their first home in Bellevue.

While teaching, Louie furthered his education, receiving his master's degree in natural science at the University of Washington. During their time in Bellevue, they also started their family. Marissa was born in 1969, and Andy in 1971. In 1976, they moved to Woodinville, Washington, where they found their forever home. The family joined Cottage Lake Presbyterian Church. Louie was an elder for many years there and worked with several Presbyterian churches across Western Washington. Louie retired from teaching after 15 years at **Lincoln High School ('64 to '81)** and 15 years at Roosevelt High School. Louie enjoyed his retirement years helping raise their grandchild, Jordan. We love you, Grandpa.

Howard Morrill ('47) passed away on September 4, 2024, at the age of 95. He was



Howard Morrill

born in Seattle in 1929 and graduated from Lincoln in 1947. His studies at the University of Washington were interrupted when he was drafted into the US army. He served in Korea for nearly two years and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Howard then completed his studies in history at the UW to become a teacher and taught in the Seattle Public Schools, spending most of his years at Hamilton Middle School and Ingraham High School.

From **Jan (Foy) Winterroth ('70)**: "For all who went to Hamilton Jr Hi, I thought he was scary. He took the boys in class who may have misbehaved out to the hall and closed the door, but we still heard a resounding WHACK! from the huge wooden paddle. Whoever received the punishment came back into the class very humble. Boy, was the class silent after that. He lived a very long life for surviving polio and walked with a stiff leg. Does anyone remember that he would bite the side of his index finger when he got mad?"

Another student wrote: "Mr. Morrill was my history teacher and to this day I still remember being in his class and how much he cared for each of his students. He made sure that we knew how important we were, and that we had a purpose in life after high school."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By: Verna (Sorlie) Rossevelt ('66)
Historian/Archivist

Upcoming Reunions

1960 – 65th Reunion in July: **Wally Green ('60)** has asked for the parade banner, a historical display board, and a 1960 annual.

1965 – 60th Reunion in September: **Wayne Porter ('65)** was promised the parade banner at one of the monthly meetings.

1970 – 55th Reunion in September: I have not yet heard whether they want any memorabilia.

1975 – 50th Reunion in August: No word from them, either.

If you would like the parade banner, memorabilia, decorations from the Lincoln Lynx Alumni Association Archives for a reunion, email **Verna (Sorlie) Rossevelt** at joeandverna@mac.com. You can also look at the memorabilia that is owned by the **Seattle School District Archives** by emailing Meaghan Kahlo, archivist for the school district at: mbkahlo@seattleschools.org.

Research

In March, I tried to help **Tim Barr ('74)** find the deceased date for one of his classmates by checking on Ancestry.com for Social Security Death Index, Findagrave, and Washington Death Index listings for the person. I also checked the general Internet for an obituary. I was unable to find a date for him.

Brian Barnett, a collector of Seattle School's memorabilia, asked me about an Orchestra/Band Patch he found, wondering if it was from Seattle Lincoln High School and the year it was used. He also found a 1938 Lincoln medal for a novice meet and asked if I knew anything about it.

Annuals/Yearbooks

Older alumni called these annuals, nowadays they are being called yearbooks. We get emails from alumni asking if we want their annuals. We also get emails asking for annuals. If I have the year they want, I will sell it to the person and the money goes to the LLAA Scholarship Fund. We also have an archive of annuals/yearbooks in the Alumni Room at Lincoln High School.

Mark and Kathy Elgin emailed saying one of their moms no longer needed her high school annuals from 1956-58. Because I was without a car at the time, they mailed them to my home.

Memorabilia

Judy Thompson ('59) had Display Boards for her class. I met her and her husband at a Starbucks in Bellevue to pick them up.

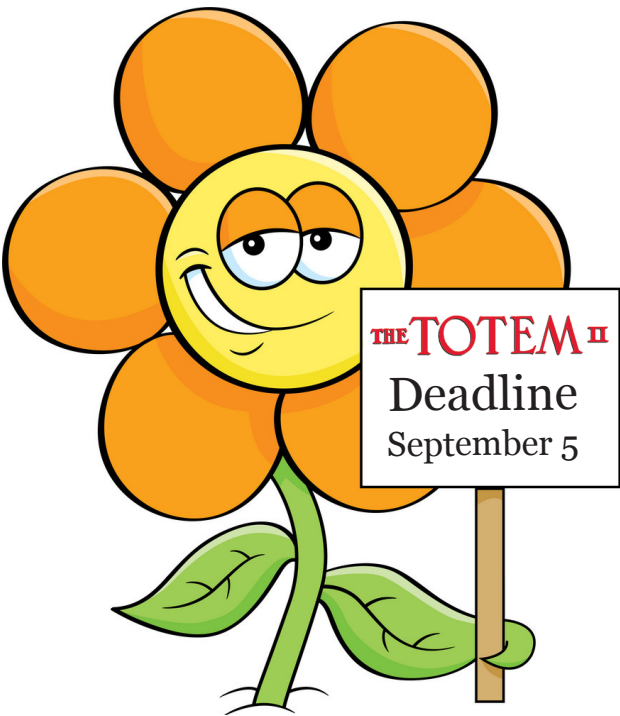
I went with others to check out this year's All-Class Luncheon venue to see where the memorabilia could be displayed and to get an idea how much memorabilia I could bring.



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Alma Mater

Hail to Mighty Lincoln
To our Alma Mater Hail!
Loyal Lynx we stand together
The red and black will never fail.
Through the halls our spirits ring
In victory or defeat.
Forever with our school we'll sing
Hail to Lincoln, Hail!



Springtime poems shared by
Jackie (Bauer) King ('67)

The Sneaky Ice Cream Truck

Winter's chill, a distant dream,
In the springtime's warming beam,
But a jingle, a tune so sweet,
The ice cream truck, a surprise to greet.

From around the corner, it does appear,
Ice cream in spring, oh dear,
With a smile and a coin to spare,
In the ice cream truck's springtime fare.

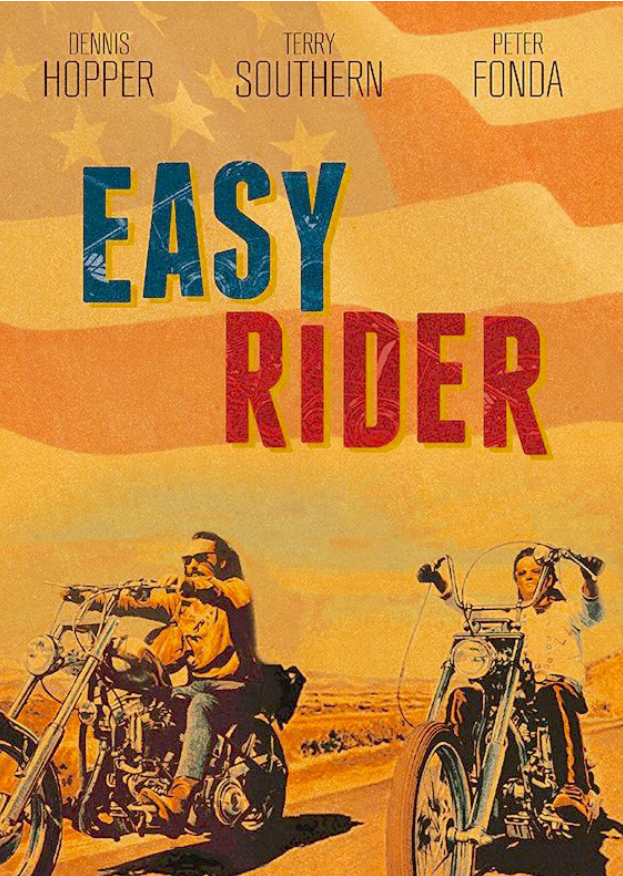
So chase the truck, down the street,
In the sun's rays, it's a treat,
Springtime's secret, a delight to savor,
In the ice cream's sweet behavior.

~ Maya Anthony

Is It Spring Yet?

Phil was a fuzzy groundhog
Sleeping peacefully below
He dreamed of warmer days
Days of no more snow
Then rough hands reached down
And pulled him from his sleep
What is going on, he shouted
Put me back you giant creep
Why did you drag me out right now
I don't think you even care
Can't you see it's freezing out
Now put me back in there
I'll come out when the time is right
But not now if you please
Spring will come in its good time
Put me back so I don't freeze
You crazy men are worried
When will the winter end
It will come when days are warm
On that you can depend

~ John Squires





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This form can be used to join LLAA, pay membership dues, give gift membership, and/or contribute.

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Ladies: remember to include your maiden (school) name.

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Show Off Your Lincoln Pride!

We'll have merchandise available for purchase at the All-Class Luncheon and most reunions. We have men's and women's shirts, hats, visors, pens, playing cards, lanyards, wine glasses, scarves, and more!



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2025 ALL-CLASS LUNCHEON

Join your classmates and generations of Lynx on a...

Sentimental Journey

There will be lots of nostalgia for you to enjoy.



Ticket prices for this special event are:
\$38/pp via check and \$40/pp online
(PayPal charges a fee).

Mail check to:
LLAA Treasurer
P.O. Box 31056
Seattle, WA 98103-1056

Online registrations:
<https://lincolnhighlynx.org/events.php>

Due to **limited space at the venue**,
you will need to register at your earliest
opportunity **prior to May 29** to guarantee
seating. **PAYMENT WILL NOT BE
ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.**

Saturday, June 7, 2025
10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Aurora Borealis
16708 Aurora Ave. N.
Shoreline WA



When paying for the ticket please also
consider paying your LLAA annual
membership dues and/or donating to
the Lincoln Scholarship fund.

If you have questions or want to
help at the Luncheon, please contact
Suzanne (Santwire) Lundquist.

Luncheon Co-Chairs:

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To add to the experience, consider dressing in the fashion of your high school decade!



PLEASE NOTE: In order to ensure that there is enough food for all attendees and keep the Luncheon price down,
each person will **select one choice of entree** either online in the drop down for Menu or on the printable form.
Salads, vegetables, potatoes, and pasta will also be available at the buffet as well as dessert after.

Checks payable and
mailed to: LLAA
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Seattle, WA 98103-1056

\$_____ Luncheon #tickets _____ @ \$38/pp MAIL-IN (CHECK ONLY)

(If registered & paid online, pricing is \$40/pp to cover processing fees.)

\$_____ I am adding \$20 (per year) Annual Membership Dues per Family

\$_____ I am adding Scholarship Fund Donation (tax deductible)

\$_____ TOTAL (Thank You!)

Please select your choice of one entrée: ☐ Meat Loaf ☐ Salmon ☐ Vegetarian Fettucine

(If you are registering for more than one person, please put the number of each entree you are choosing.)

Alum _____ LHS Class of _____

First Maiden Last

Spouse _____ LHS Class of _____

First Maiden Last

Guest _____ LHS Class of _____

First Maiden Last

Phone () _____ Email Address _____