

SEPTEMBER 2019

SAVE THE DATE!
WACO HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1960
60TH REUNION
OCTOBER 6TH AND 7TH.
2020
WACO HILTON

If you want to see how much our graduates enjoy reading about the lives of other classmates, just wait until you read some of the comments this month! I am so very appreciative to all of you who have contributed information about your lives. And, everyone looks forward in the coming months to other graduates stepping up to the plate for more great stories and adventures. Again, YOU are the Town Crier—I just assemble the words and distribute. My deepest gratitude, fellow graduates, for all your contributions! Keep up the good work!!! We are all **"listening!"**
jeanne

Trivia: 25 Most Life-Changing Trips You Might Take according to: **espresso**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/25-most-life-changing-trips-you-can-take/ss-AABRkC9?ocid=spartandhp#image=1>

- 1 Rome, Italy
- 2 Provence, France
- 3 Jerusalem, Israel
- 4 Florence, Italy
- 5 Antarctica
- 6 Bodh Gaya, India
- 7 Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada
- 8 Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania
- 9 Geirangerfjord, Norway
- 10 Great Barrier Reef, Australia
- 11 Grand Canyon, Arizona USA
- 12 NY, NY USA
- 13 Honolulu, Hawaii USA
- 14 Galapagos Islands
- 15 Helsinki, Finland
- 16 Qufu, China
- 17 Fairbanks, Alaska USA
- 18 Isle of Skye, Scotland
- 19 Blue Lagoon, Iceland
- 20 Auschwitz, Poland
- 21 Bangkok, Thailand
- 22 Appalachian Trail, USA
- 23 Tokyo, Japan
- 24 Kyoto, Japan
- 25 Berlin, Germany

FROM OUR GRADUATES:

Crozier Brown:

"Ken's autobiography was so interesting. Really enjoyed reading it."

Ken Young: (class of WHS 1962)

"Thanks for letting me receive your email crier updates. I really enjoy reading and keeping up with so many of the class of '60. Some might remember me and some not but it also is the same from my end. As the head of our class '62 reunions for the last 30 years, it would be a pleasure if we could find someone to do what you do."

Pat Payne:

"Learning about our classmates' lives is a wonderful idea. Ken Baker is a GREAT Aggie I was proud to attend A&M with and had such a full life serving his country and his family. They don't get any better than Ken and Scoot!"

David Dibb:

"Ken's story made accounting almost sound interesting. My (4-year) Air Force career was spent in Laredo and Georgia."

Stan Lennard:

What a class we had, and what wonderful lives have been led by so many. Heaven is being populated by those who have gone on to eternity with Jesus.

My second book, which segues off my first, is now published through Xlibris. It is posted on Amazon and is entitled, *The Boundless Love of God: A Holy Spirit Story*. Should anyone read it please post your candid review on Amazon.

Gayla Miller Webb:

I have not responded to any of the Town Criers until now. That does not mean I have not enjoyed them. I sat quietly and read this life story of Ken and Scoot and remembered back to Calvary Baptist Church where Ken, David, Anitra, Phyllis and I were all regulars each Sunday. To fast forward through Ken's life was so interesting. God blessed him with Scoot and all the parts of the world he was able to visit and live from Sea to Shining Sea.

There are so many interesting stories among our classmates and to think how blessed we are to still be in contact and share our lives with each other.

My life has been somewhat different than the Bakers but has been blessed in so many ways, also. I was the one following my husband and relocating our large group each time. The best of all is that no matter what each of our lives has been, we are still the WHS of 1960 and we have each other's backs.

Much love and Prayers for all of our classmates and let's all pray for our sick friends and our beloved country. Thanks,

PS- Thanks to Bob, Ken, Jeanne, Glenn, and any others who have worked so hard to find the missing graduates. Sorry if I left someone out. My memory is 77 yrs. old.

Jeanell Buida Bolton:

"My news is that I flew to Tennessee for a family reunion and (**GASP!**) I was the oldest one there.☺

Betty Luedeker Gatlin:

"Again I am amazed with what everybody else has done. I thought that I had been busy! "

Tommye Ruth Blair Toler:

"I really enjoyed reading about Ken Baker. He has had a very active and productive life. I hope Ken and Scoot will continue to enjoy themselves in their retirement.

I'm glad Bob Easter is getting better and is now able to take a trip to see that new grandbaby. Hope he feels like coming to a WHS '60 luncheon soon.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all those who are ill or suffering the problems of aging. It reminds me to thank the Lord every day for my good health."

Richard Tooker:

"Who called the boys who snuck into the bathrooms to smoke between classes "Cigarette Sucking Knotheads"?"

Answer:

Thomas Ware, Principal, speaking over the P.A. system

Regarding the foods we eat:

David Dibb:

"Anita and I are on board with Bob's diet encouragement. Just very recently got interested in (and committed to) a plant-based diet. All from reading a book that laid out all the evidence so it can't be ignored. The book is "[How Not to Die](#)" (of about a dozen of the most common diseases killing Americans), by **Michael Greger, M.D.** 70-something is **not too late** to make some changes. I've already dropped the Blood Pressure med, and the "pre-diabetes" med and Saw Palmetto (for prostate) are next."

The quarterly Luncheon: We had such a good group of folks at the luncheon on August 13th.

There were about 27-28 folks and we were having too much fun to take any pictures. This list was done by memory so please forgive me if I omitted you. Those in attendance:

Robert Wilson, Aubrey Stringer, Howard Dudgeon, Wayne and Norma Cissell Smith, Mary Ann Shilling, Karon Shinault Jackson, Tommye Ruth Blair Toler, Marvin and Ruth Schutza, James and Linda Phelps McKee, Bill and Jeanette Markum, John Davis, George Compton, Gary Roberts, Carol Adams Scarborough, Ralph and Kay Phillips Sparks, Tom Mayfield, Randy Turner, Jeanne Harman, David and Janie McPhail, Dick Tooker and Sherry Robertson Nunn.

If you are experiencing good health right now, take a moment to embrace it, be ever so thankful for it, and do a good deed for someone else who might not be as fortunate.

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UPDATES:

Randy Turner:- Randy is now home from the hospital and improving- came to our quarterly luncheon.
4201 Lomo Alto Dr. Apt 109
Dallas, TX 75219

David Peeples: Is currently home from hospital. He has had 6 blood transfusions while at the hospital in Houston-MD Anderson and Hillcrest Scott & White- Waco. He has decided to stop chemo treatments.
2107 Morrow or 2110 Colcord
Waco, TX 76707 Waco, TX 76707

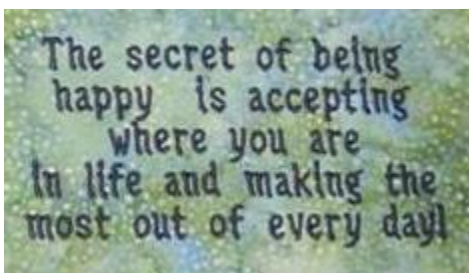
Linda Shelby Lyons: Is in Houston MD Anderson for surgery, tomorrow- August 28, 7:30 a.m.. This is a 5- 7 hour surgery and most dangerous. Please keep Linda in your thoughts and prayers tomorrow and afterwards. She should be in Houston at least 2 weeks.

Cynthia Kirkland Mazza: Has been battling leukemia. She needs your prayers and support as she has been going through chemo treatment.

Jeanne Holland Harman: *Good news* for the Harman family! My son, Curt, finished his chemo and radiation treatments for Diffuse Large B Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His first results show good blood work and no presence of tumors. Next CT scan is scheduled for November.....and every 3 months thereafter in order to keep close check on things. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers!

BIRTHDAYS:

- 3- George Compton
- 6- Shirley Joy Rogers Keele
- 9- Mary Beth Cash
Jenny Easter
- 12- Linda Shelby Lyons
- 15- Bev Murphy Wells
- 26- Dana Sauer Keifer





There are some things that just go together—bread and butter, peaches and cream, salt and pepper, night and day, Hansel and Gretel, gin and tonic, Bogart and Bacall, Adam and Eve, and Melynda and Charles. Back in the “olden days” there were 13 different 1960 WHS couples who married class graduates. Melynda Ricketts and Charles Chatham were one of those couples.

Melynda and Charles started “going steady” in 1955 when they were in the 7th grade. Melynda said they actually were boyfriend and girlfriend in the 5th grade. It must have been love at first sight so one can truly say they have been life partners. Melynda was most gracious to share a peek into their wonderful life of ministry. They currently live way out in Arizona so we do not get to see them nearly as often as we would like. Hopefully, they will be able to make our final 60th reunion so we can all get a hug again from one of our favorite couples!

“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be.” - Robert Browning

Melynda Ricketts Chatham and Charles Chatham



1960

“Charles and I are retired now after serving Episcopal churches for 35 years.....in Belton, Texas, Waco, Texas, Jacksonville, Texas, Little Rock, Arkansas, Navajo Land, New Mexico, Jacksonville, Arkansas, Abilene, Texas, Morganton, North Carolina, and ending up here in Wickenburg, Arizona. We’ve had a grand journey and sort of sad to see it come to an end. Charles has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease recently, although he has suffered with loss of memory for a long time resulting in an early retirement from the work he loves so much. It seems to be a slow progressing form of the disease.....and for that we are grateful.

We have three kiddos, 11 grandkids, 2 great-grandkids and 2 more on the way.....so we are happy and blessed with a wonderful family. We have 5 cats (which is an all-time low for us!) and two wonderful and crazy bichons, Jack and Jill, who we baby and spoil and love to the moon and back! We have always loved animals and, if we have any kind of hobby, it would be helping shelters for animals and rescuing where we can.

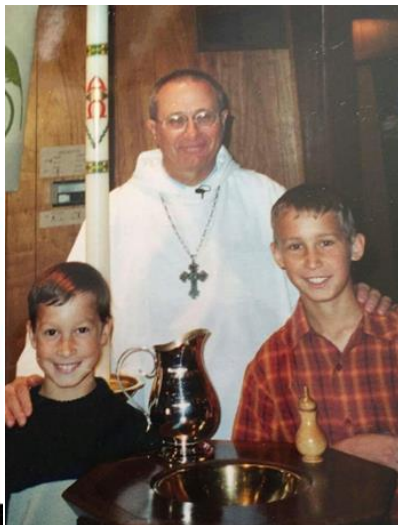
In each of our churches, I have sung in the choir and stayed out of the kitchen!! We dearly loved serving the church and we are so grateful for the calling that Charles received from God actually while he was still at Baylor. He fumbled around after graduation from Baylor with first one job and then another, until he finally got hit over the head with the reality that he belonged in Seminary.....so off we went to the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.....and the rest is history!!”



Melynda was one of our cheerleaders



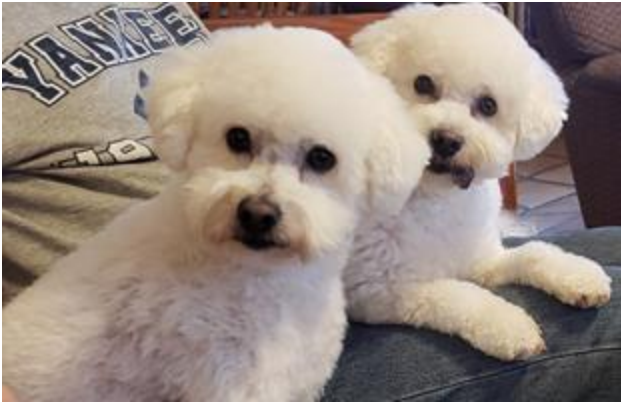
Charles played baseball—outfield position



Charles in his work clothes doing what he loves best.



Melynda's hobby is raising roses, her favorite flower. Aren't these spectacular!! What a pity their fragrance cannot be passed along with their beauty!



are dogs.

Jack and Jill, two spoiled Bichons who probably do not realize they



Charles with a new pair of shoes -- Jack "checking out" the purchase.



Melynda- celebrating a birthday



Charles -showing off his Yankee shirt as they are both huge Yankee fans!



Melynda- celebrating New Year's



Melynda and Charles have always (and still do) love to dance!

PICTURES:

Dick Tooker has been doing some decluttering and found the following pictures. They date back to 1962 when Penne Percy was Maid of Cotton.



WHS 60 graduates Cathey White Land, Anitra Harrell Henrion, and Gayla Miller Webb recently got together in Houston for lunch. Maybe more Houstonians would like to join them if they decide to meet again. Gayla said contact any one of them if you are interested.



(Graduates Living in or around Houston):

Ronald Boulware, Mickey Caperton, Frank Connally, Cynthia Copeland, John Ferguson, Anitra Harrell Henrion, Leland Ray Howard, Carol Hodges Bright, Delind Kirkpatrick Felt, Ronald McCall, Gayla Miller Webb, Robert Marcus Otterstad, Mary Pack Hogan, John Schwetman, Charlotte Suttle Kleibrink, Cathey White Land, Hugh Wilfong

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home – not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name?....

We just call him 'TV.'

He has a wife now....we call her 'Computer.'

Their first child is "Cell Phone".

Second child "I Pod "

And JUST BORN A FEW YEARS AGO WAS a Grandchild: IPAD

