

DECEMBER 2024

FROM OUR GRADUATES:

Bev Murphy Wells

“Loved all the narratives from Rodger Kuhl and his viewpoint about the “The Winter of Life” and I agree with his outlook and how quickly it seems to happen; and then David Dibb's mystery of the self-unscrewing lightbulb and how AI helped him discover the solution and all this during Anita's illness, and from the Medical corner about Jim McKee and what he has endured with his eyes during the years and it seems now with this new procedure, he has better vision. What great news! I know Linda and Jim have had their medical challenges here of late so hearing good news about them cheers my heart! Loved all the pictures this month too! I know Capetown was a good travel for John Anderson; we are sponsoring a young woman in our home this year who is from Capetown; she's one of our ministry missions this year. We've had several losses and heartbreaking notices here of late; always hard to say goodbye! Since today is Veterans Day (while I'm writing this), I would like to personally thank all those who have served our country...you are all special and I admire each and every one of you! God bless you all!”

John Anderson : “Spent two weeks passing through remote South Pacific Islands (Cook, the Solomons, the Society Islands- plus Norfolk Island and New Caledonia.) Interesting part of our world. Sort of timeless- beautiful beaches of white and black sand. Coconut, mango, breadfruit and lime trees. They say “take it easy” - not much else to do here. Not *THE* most remote place, but close.

Waco far, far away. It was great to return for the solar eclipse. We went to Fort Hood, Waco city had no room in the inn. I wanted to go to the New Nat'l Park but it was overly crowded- settled on the Dr. Pepper Museum, Lover's Leap, our old home (1509 Alexander). Didn't make Tonkawa Park. Next time...but will there be a next time? The sands of time have dried, turned into stone. Tombstone? Half of our class have passed into that Great Unknown.

Next “trip”: Cruise of Florida Keys, 10,000 Islands, Far Tortuga. Then next summer cruise through NW passage.

A rolling stone bred in the bone.....” - *John and Judy*

Tommye Ruth Blair Toler

“We have lost too many of our former classmates this year. Everyone must cherish every day we have left on this earth. Do something good every day and don't forget to give thanks.”

Rodger Kuhl

“It is difficult to see so many WHS classmates leaving this life so close together. Hope and pray they will all be together in Heaven. Your dear friend and special person, Kay Phillips Sparks, and I went to North Jr. together, and James Coone, another special person, and I were together in grade school and North Jr.”

Howard Dudgeon Reports that 191 graduates from our class are deceased.

Bev Murphy Wells: "How sad to hear about another loss to our class; good to hear Gene attended one of the class reunions. Sincere condolences to his family and friends."

Regarding Jennie Rose Christian Sides: Another loss, another sadness. Thanks to Glenn Hurta's diligence in his research in finding Jennie Rose's obituary. The video was nicely done and to see her in her happier days."

Nanci Stiteler Felice: "I'm so sorry to hear of the death of yet another member of our class. I remember Jennie and am sorry to just now learn of her death. God Bless you Jennie!"

Clara Sue Griffis Arnsdorff: "Sad to have lost so many classmates."

Regarding Anita Dibb:

Bev Murphy Wells: "It really has been a sad week. Even though we knew that Anita was struggling, it's sad to hear that David lost the love of his life, but good to know she was surrounded by her family and loved ones, and she just went to sleep. The Japanese trees will always provide good memories for David with Anita and the years they enjoyed together. Praying for David and his family during this time of great loss in their lives."

Regarding James Coone:

Betty Luedeker Gatlin "This is such a surprise. He and Gia always looked so happy and healthy. I will miss seeing their adventures together.

Had enough for awhile folks. Please stay healthy!"

Neysa McMurray- wife of **Larry McMurray**

"James was a lifetime friend, especially of Larry McMurray, & their running buddies. Maybe his buddies that have gone before him are welcoming to Heaven."

Bev Murphy Wells

"You're right...another loss in just a few weeks is overwhelming. Sad to hear about James. My thoughts and prayers for family.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalms 34:18"

Regarding Gwen Ewing Hodges:

Malissa Ruth Starnes Baugh

"What a beautiful picture of Gwen and wonderful story of her life! Indeed, Gwen was full of life and a loving, talented and delightful friend! I never remember seeing her when she was not smiling, laughing the "Gwen laugh" and loving everyone around her! May she now rest in peace after a long fight! Love and prayers for the family!!!"



Howard Dudgeon's Trivia :

- 1** Lawrence of Arabia is 3 hours and 36 minutes long. There is no dialogue spoken by a woman.
- 2** You're So Vain, a Carly Simon song, is about Warren Beatty.
- 3** The Oakland Raiders, LA Raiders and now Las Vegas Raiders' logo is reportedly a rendition of Randolph Scott.
- 4** The bumper music for Dick Tooker's radio show on KWTX or WACO in the late 1950s was *Flip Flop and Bop* by Floyd Cramer.
- 5** Heterochromia means a person's eyes are different colors.

A NEAT IDEA:



Spray-Paint Storage

Screw the shoe bag to a board in the garage. Then display all your spray-paint cans. You will no longer have to search for the correct color nor will you be using valuable shelf space.

UPDATES:

Gayla Miller Webb has been in contact with the husband of **Anita Incardona Henson**. Anita has had a stroke and I fear her health is not very good. She no longer does anything on the computer nor phone but can be contacted via her address in NYC. Last I heard, their apartment overlooks the water. They request prayers.

Contact info:

Anita Incardona Henson
468 Riverside Dr. #91
New York, New York 10027

Jim Johanson: "In January 2024 I moved to the home of my son Eric in Minnesota for health reasons. I had been living by myself, and we decided it was time to make the move before it became a necessity. Having been a holdover from the class of '59, I don't know very many people from the class of '60.

Cell phone number remains

(910)797-5304. Current address is

330 Countryview Street

Kasson, MN 55944-9519.

I have lost track Ronnie Morris. Up until about two or three years ago we had had sporadic communication on Facebook. He and I associated with each other quite often during high school years.

ALSO: We have lost contact with Ronnie Morris. Any of you on Facebook might be able to locate his brother who lives in San Antonio. I forget his first name, but I feel some of you who are good at tracking down folks might be able to find out some information for us. We want to stay in touch with all our graduates. And, Jim Johanson wants to get back in touch with Ronnie. So, please **HELP!**

BIRTHDAYS:

9/10	Sondi Nelson Pace
13	Jerry Causey
14	Peggy Wake Thyfault
16	Chinky Johnson
17	David McPhail
24	Hal Johnson
26	Howard Dudgeon
	Joan Beaty Settle
28	Gayla Miller Webb
31	Elizabeth Bentley

PICTURES:

Louann Hilton Brady and Ed Brady with friends enjoying life. LOOKING GOOD!



!!! This is **Douglas Edward Crook**, one of our graduates. Douglas has made his home in Germany and we have lost contact with him. However, Douglas is on **Facebook**. Please, if any of you on

Facebook can get in touch with Douglas, we really would like to get current information on and correspondence with him. We do not like to get out of touch with any graduate...especially because of the aging of our class. Douglas was a cousin to Billy Markum. My last correspondence with Douglas was in July 2020. At that time, he was living at the foothills of the Alps, was married with one son, loving his life, and riding his bike to stay fit. So, **PLEASE HELP** to get in contact with Douglas.



***** A Christmas Card from John Anderson to our class:*****



TO WACO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960...

The Last of the Best!

-John Anderson

HUMOR:

HOW MIDDLE AGE ARE YOU?

(score 1 point for each statement that fits)

1. You can't sleep past 9:00 a.m.
2. You can't start a movie past 9:00 p.m.
3. You call your children for tech support.
4. You used to fix typos with White-Out.
5. You've called a 30-year-old "a kid."
6. You swap ailment stories with your friends.
7. You're on Facebook but not Snapchat.
8. You write appointments on a paper calendar.
9. You're not quite sure how you got that bruise.
10. You gain weight just by being near food.
11. You go into the bank to make a deposit.
12. You've dialed a rotary phone.
13. You still have a landline.
14. You cannot find your glasses...that are sitting on top of your head.

Thoughts:



I Believe...

That true friendship continues to grow,
even over the longest distance.

Same goes for true love.



I Believe...
That my best friend and I
can do anything or nothing
and have the best time...



I Believe...
That you should always leave loved ones with Loving words.
It may be the last time you see them.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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