### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This booklet was put together with the help of many of our 1960 Classmates. Many returned the questionnaire that provided the current addresses and a brief summary of the Classmate's activities over the prior 5 years. The volunteers who work to organize and arrange the Friday night class party and coordinate the attendance at the Alumni Association Banquet have worked tirelessly to make the weekend a pleasure for all that are able to attend. Those volunteers are Pam DeSollar, Geraldine Wagner, and Virginia Thompson. We also appreciate those of you that have provided us with addresses of some of our lost Classmates. It is difficult to keep track of each other as we have spread out across the U.S. and even overseas.

There are still gaps in the activities and even the location of our early class reunions (1965, 1970, etc). I would like to make this booklet as complete and accurate as can be. So, would you take a minute and try to write a few notes on anything that you might remember about those parties. Anything, such as who attended, where we held the party, something that stood out in your mind about that night or weekend. Send those memories in writing along to me so I can update this booklet.

Hope you enjoy this booklet. I know I have enjoyed putting prior booklets together with your input, especially Geraldine, Marilyn, and Pam. Bob Walker provided a number of pictures from the 1950's for the last booklet. The entire Class thanks each of you that have responded to our request for information. And this from the one Classmate least likely to be doing something like this. I wish I would have paid attention in English class and maybe speling. Hence the need for a talented and sharp wife, Debbie

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# Our Class Mates

## Class of 1960

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**Retired?** Yes and enjoying my retirement

**Military?** Served in the Army for five years and 4 months, and left as a Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class

**Good School Memories?** Performing with the band at football games. Bus trips to away basketball games. Kissing someone else's date, I think I believe it was Julie Dutch at a Prom. Being chosen part of the Junior Class Play.

Kids & Grandkids? One son – Shawn Jeffery

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Retired? Still retired

**Past 5 years?** I don't have much to contribute. Guess confinement of those of us over 60 or at least admitting to it has stifled memories.

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**Retired?** I am still the part-time City Clerk of Eureka IL. Yes, I did run again in 2017 and being the only candidate, I won!!! We are building a new City Hall so I will probably run again just so I can spend time in my new office space.

**Past 5 years?** As you can see, we still have the same address every year as we have been in this house for 50 years. We have made a lot of changes in that time, but it is still home. Right now we



are home all of the time due to the coronavirus. We have been staying indoors, of course, and I have been cleaning out years of "stuff". We are glad the weather is getting warmer so we can go outside.

I still work with our local food pantry. I like to sit on the deck and read. I create the yearbooks for nearly every organization in town. Those women's organizations go from September through May so I will be busy with the yearbooks soon for the 2020-2021 year. I am in a Bible Study, in a Book Club, and in a couple of ladies social groups. I have missed these people during this shutdown.

I exercise every day either at home, walking (outside or on the treadmill), or at the local indoor pool. I play golf in the local ladies' league.

My husband has many hobbies and collections that keep him busy. He is a landscaper and gardener. He is also an avid recycler. Now with warmer weather he can get out and in the dirt.

We still travel as much as we can – always by car. In the fall of 2018 we drove across Canada to Lake Louise and Banff then five National Parks in the US. Last winter we took a 7400-road trip through the southwest. We stop to see friends and family along the way. This winter we traveled to Florida then back to North Carolina where we stayed a couple of days with **Bob Walker**. We still take a trip with my siblings – Janice and **Bill Schlueter**, and Bill and Sharon Butcher – each year –  $22^{nd}$  year.

**Good School Memories?** I have lots of good memories of BHS. We watched the new building being built then were the first to graduate in that new gym. I will always remember Mr. Smith and my business classes. I followed that path and taught those classes in high school then in our community college. Can't believe that I have been retired from teaching for 20 years!!!

**Kids & Grandkids?** We have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren – ages 13, 12, 9, and 7. They all live in the Chicago area. Grandchildren are sooooooo much fun. We love to spend time with them.

My last paragraph is the very same as five years ago: I am adventurous and like to do different things all of the time. My philosophy is that age is a state of mind—if you think you are old, you will be; if you think you are young, you will be able to do many things. God has a plan for me and I try to go where He leads. When my life is complete, it will end and I know I will be rejoicing then.

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Spouse: Bill

**Retired?** Retired after 50 years in education.

**Past 5 years?** We have started spending part of our winters on the beach in Gulf Shores. Alabama. Enjoying trips to both coasts. Grandchildren in NYC and my 98 year old Mother in California.

**Good School Memories?** Many – Skipping school with Jim Danner, Bill Cowen, and Gerry Arnold. We got called into the office. I had to see FO and the other 3 had to see Pete. They got a lecture on skipping and I got a lecture on choosing friends. I had only been at BHS for 3 weeks. They have all been lifelong friends. I did well choosing.

**Kids & Grandkids?** Our grandchildren range in age from 29 years – 2 years. Will's boys are both out of college. Ann's 3 are 11 year old twins and a 2 year old. Will and his boys live in or near Beardstown. Ann lives in NYC. We see them all often.

#### Bill DeSollar

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Spouse: Pam



**Retired?** Mostly retired but still work at being an insurance agent.

**Military?** Yes, I was in the Illinois Army National Guard, serving from 1966 to 1971. I reached the rank of Specialist 5<sup>th</sup> Class.

Past 5 years? Survived!

**Good School Memories?** (1) Rewiring the old auditorium projection booth with Bill Dyche & Charley Spears (No doubt illegal today.

(2) Throwing the desks out of Mrs. Hierman's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor window.
(3) Climbing the flagpole our Junior year to take down the Senior Class flag.

(4) While putting up a Christmas tree on the top of the "old" H. S. building, the tree slipped over the edge and the rope wrapped around Mr. Helgenberger's leg, almost pulling him off the roof.

Kids & Grandkids? Yes – Same as Pam's

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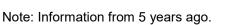
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#### Retired? Yes

**Kids & Grandkids?** Bill Dyche II (Diane) –High School Band Director, 35 years teaching in Bradley/Bourbonais, has 235 students.

Brian Dyche (Jennifer) 6 children – Brianna, Ashton, Ryder, Drake, Brooklyn, & Walker. Brian owns our Envir Vac Waste Transport Systems of Jacksonville that consists of 50 semi's that travel over the USA Highways. Own his company 25 years.

Brent Dyche (Kari), son Drew. Brent is dealer/Manager of Catapillar of Peoria, Illinois. He travels all over the world. Been with Cat 20 years.

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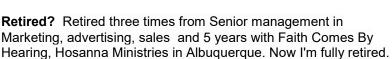
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**Military?** I served in the Air National Guard, St.Louis- 1966-1972, made Tech Sgt.

**Past 5 years?** As I mentioned, my final retirement was from Hosanna ministries the largest distributers of audio Bibles in the world. They now have audio Bibles in over 1200 languages. I was their national coordinator for the distribution of Bible listening programs to churches around the US. Also went to Hong Kong, worked with churches there as well plus a trip to Rome, met Cardinals at the Vatican in the development of a audio Bible in Latin. Even though I'm not Catholic, this trip of 10 days in Rome, private tours of St. Peters Basilica and an audience with Pope Benedict was incredible and something I will never forget. After vears in Advertising Management, this time at Hosanna had a great impact on me personally and Spiritually and gave me new respect for the importance of the personal Christian principles that also our country was founded on. Since we seem to have buried those principles for political agendas, today our country is suffering painful and immoral divisions, radical violence and terrorism that, in my opinion, will destroy us. Ok, I'm off my soapbox...sort of. LOL;

**Good School Memories?** I don't know about you, but High School memories are a little blurry. Great times with Gary Buck and hunting squirrels, friends who have now left the planet, drag racing in Dads Studebaker (yes I said Studebaker), sneaking beer and cigarettes, and a couple of things I shouldn't mention that I paid for later. LOL No regrets, just memories.

**Kids & Grandkids?** We have kids and grand kids: Scheryl Spangler in St. Louis (52) from my first marriage, has provided two



Granddaughters, Celine and Niki with a Great Granddaughter and Grandson. Joshua (42) who lives here, has provide three Grandsons, (6,8 and 11), Kainoah, Ryland and Lonen. Our youngest, Bethany Christian (39) lives in Sarasota, married two years, no children but her husband has three that we consider our adult Grand kids. I have attached a pic of the Fam if you want/ to use it. Our three Girls, Son and three grand boys.

Again Tom, sorry for the delay. I trust you and family are well and have not had any challenges with Corona. If something doesn't make sense or you have questions, please let me know. I will send you a check for the book. God Bless you Tom. Roger

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**Retired?** Yes - I do as little as possible.

**Military?** Yes – I served in the U. S Army from July 1964 to November 1976 reaching the rank of Captain.

**Kids & Grandkids?** One daughter – Tina Renee' I'm apparently still too young for Grandkids.



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Retired? Yes, but taking care of my Husband who has dementia.

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Retired? Yes







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**Retired?** I am still semi-retired. I instruct pipeline personnel on complying with pipeline regulations for the Federal government. Have slowed down the past few months, I guess age is catching up.

**Military?** I served 12 years in the Illinois National Guard. My father and four of my uncles were in the same units. At one time my family had served over 100 years of military service. I even reenlisted for 2 years and went to Germany for my 2 week summer training.

**Past 5 years?** I have been busy working part time for the Federal Government putting on training classes for pipeline company personnel. I also have continued to be involved with the legal side by working as an expert (and I use that term loosely) in cases involving pipeline failures. I have participated in about one major case per year. Last summer I was down to about 3 days before Deb and I were to drive back to Virginia for me to testify in a Court of Appeals case involving a 600 mile pipeline. I got the last minute call that the case was settled. I have not flown for at least the last

3 years and have driven instead. That includes 2 trips to West Virginia, I to Pennsylvania, and 1 to Colorado.

**School Memories?** I wish I would have appreciated my high school years then as I do now. But I would not want to change a thing since I feel that I am exactly where I want to be and should be in this life. I do miss Kenny McGill and Kenny I think was just like me was exactly where he wanted to be. He was as wild in his adult life as he was the few years in high school. He was a fighter pilot with the US Air Force, then flew for the Oklahoma National Guard, and ended his career as a the Commander of the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Tulsa as a Brigadier General.

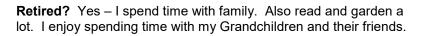
**Kids & Grandkids?** We have 8 Grand Kids and do they cover the range of kids, from very mischievous to the very quiet and smart.

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**Past 5 years?** Marshal (Hutson) and I had a mini-reunion with Bob Walker this past summer here in and around Trinidad. Have Bob send you the picture of us on Cucharar Pass or give me a texting phone number and I'll send it.

**Good School Memories?** I mostly hung out with Marshal Hutson and Bob Walker. I remember all the teachers and classes. Mr. Coil was always quite amusing. My social life was pretty restrained due to parental rules.

**Kids & Grandkids?** I have 3 kids, Matt, Caprice, and Christopher. Three Grandkids, Timmy, Dylan & Charlotte. Everyone except Christopher lives in Colorado. Cristopher lives at the head of Kachemak Bay, 19 miles from Homer, Alaska.



#### **Robert Loughary**

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Retired? Yes



**Military?** Yes - served in the Army for 21 years and acquired the rank of Master Sergeant.

**Kids & Grandkids?** I-Daughter, 1-Step daughter, 4-Grandchildren, 4 Great-Grandchildren, and 12 Great-Great Grandchildren.

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**Retired?** Retired I am doing many things. Gardening, volunteering at my church, golf, religious classes at my home or church.

**Past 10 years?** I have enjoyed traveling abroad, to the Danube, Italy, Ireland & England. We travel on a National Park Tour of the Southwest, wonderful trips!

**Good School Memories?** Many happy & fun times at BHS, all 4 years! My office training class with Marilyn Butcher and Diane Schuetter. My Home Ec. class with Gerry Wagner and of course, all of the prom and Homecoming activities.

**Kids & Grandkids?** Sherri – daughter, lives in Effingham, Illinois and has 2 children. Kevin Jones – son, lives in Beardstown, Illinois and has 2 children. Ronda Ditrano – daughter, lives in Superior, Colorado and has 3 children. I have 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren!!

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Retired? Yes

Military? No, I have bone spurs.

Past 5 years? No

Good School Memories? Spanish flies in our English class.

**Kids & Grandkids?** 5 children – Pamela (Mark) Anderson, Tom (Tommie Jo), Mike (significant other - Amanda), Cathy (Stacey)

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Gibson, Matt (Pamela), 16 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

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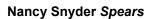
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Retired? Yes

**Military?** Yes - U. S. Army 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne, from 1964 to 1966, made SP/4.

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**Retired?** Yes- I spend a lot of time fishing, spending time with Grandkids, hunting, fishing and a lot of ball games.

**Military?** Yes – U.S. Army for 2 years leaving as a Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class.

**Kids & Grandkids?** Angela Robertson, Beardstown, Illinois, Grandkids – Taylor, Will & Wade; Travis Taylor, Burton, Michigan, Grandkids Kyle, Zach, & Lexi; Chad Taylor, Bluffs Springs, Illinois; Tiffany Taylor, Bloomington, Illinois.

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Retired? Yes and doing as little as possible.

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#### Retired? Retired

**Military?** Did not serve in the military. Back surgery in 1962 kept me out.

**Past 5 years?** Except for the passing of Sandra in May of 2019, life has been mostly uneventful. We had known each other since probably about 1944. I have a picture of us together January 14, 1948. A lot of our schoolmates are in that picture, because it was my sixth birthday; however, Sandra was sitting next to me. Among those pictured are Milton McClure, Bill Cowen, Joe Walker, Diane Schuetter, my parents, Sandra's mother & a sister, Walter McGinnis, and others whose names I've forgotten or who have changed so much that I don't recognize them. Most were about 5 years old.

In the past few years, we did some overseas trips and traveled to Northern Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Florida and Oregon.

Bill & Marilyn Walter have visited us every two or three years in the past umpteen years. Great company.

Larry Foster visited me in NC for a week last autumn and we still talk regularly. I'm sure our stories that we share and have shared over the years have changed, as have our memories.

I live in a subdivision called Dan Knob. I have great neighbors in addition to the bears, turkeys, deer, foxes, etc. Even though the house is too big for me, I hope that I don't have to move very soon. I mostly dislike getting old. Why didn't the high school teachers warn us that we would become senior citizens so quickly?

**School Memories?** I really enjoyed being in the high school band and having Mr. Conlee as the director. Also enjoyed Adele Hegener's U.S. history class. I'm sure that I annoyed the daylights out of Lynn Launer, because we dated for a long time. We've kept in contact for a number of years and I'm sure that I still annoy her, because we text regularly and talk occasionally. While attending my great-nephew's wedding last summer in Colorado, I spent a day with Lynn and Marsha Hutson, which was very nice. Lynn won't visit me in NC; probably because of her good reputation and mine that's not. Oh, well. I have four and a half bathrooms in my home, so there is space for her. I believe that I shocked Mary Ankrom at the 2010 class party, in that I remembered she was wearing a black dress at the the 1975 class party at the Virginia Country Club. She said that I was wrong on two things; she was wearing a navy blue dress and it was 1985. I thought about it later on and decided that she was wrong about the year. 1985 class party was in Rushville and 1975 was at the Virginia Country Club. (I hope that I'm remembering this correctly). I think 2010 was only the second time that she had attended a class shindig.

Letha Jaggers and Ms. Dufelmeier were great algebra teachers and they made the subject pretty easy. I was kicked out of Miss Brodman's class one day when I was a freshman. I don't remember what I did, but it's probably just as well. I think Marilyn Butcher was kicked out on another day and I never knew what happened to cause that. I believe that Lynn did some of my English lessons for me; I'll have to ask her about that. She was a very good student and I was not. Gary Buck was always a hoot at the reunions and I looked forward to see how he would be irritating Karen Conner. It was always a panic.

**Kids & Grandkids?** John, age 51 and single. Bought our scooter rental business from Sandra & me in 2008. He services the Orlando theme parks (when they're open). Still surfing, boating and annoying women. John has done many years of surfing in Central America; primarily, Nicaragua.

Jason, age 48. Engineer with Northrop Grumman weapons systems made to kill bad people. Still surfs, skateboards and golfs. Can't be fired because his boss needs him for the golf team. Wife, Lorie. Works in the guidance office of Seminole County, Florida, school system. Very pretty.

Granddaughter, Jasmine, age 15. Freshman high school student with 'A' grades. Did not get the good grade gene from her paternal grandparents. Very pretty and athletic. Helps her Grandpa with his Apple IPhone problems.

Granddaughter, Presley, age just turned 13. Seventh grade 'A' student. Got the good grade gene from somewhere. Also very pretty and loves animals. Says she'll probably be a veterinarian.

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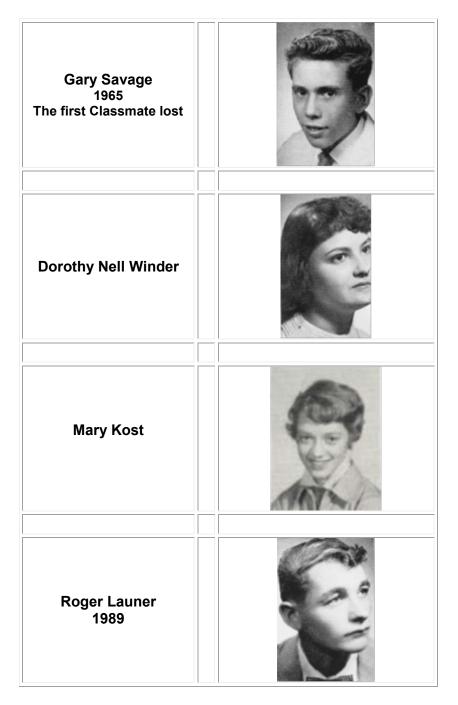
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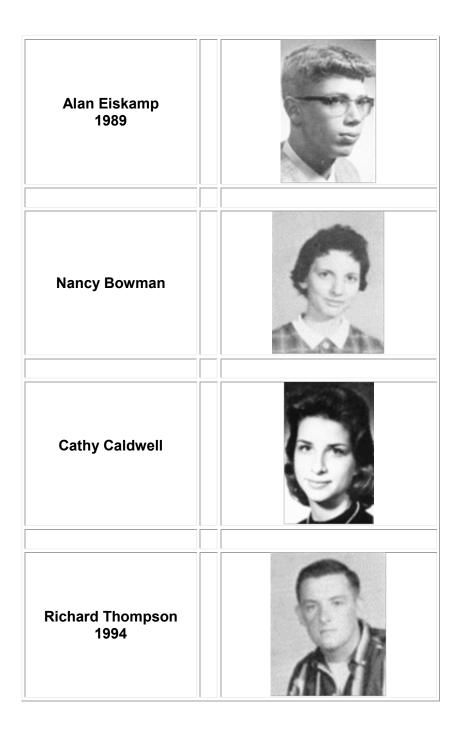
**Good School Memories?** I will always remember Terry Applegate, Tom Lael, Jeff Baymiller, Larry Foster, Tom Bruce, and Bill DeSollar

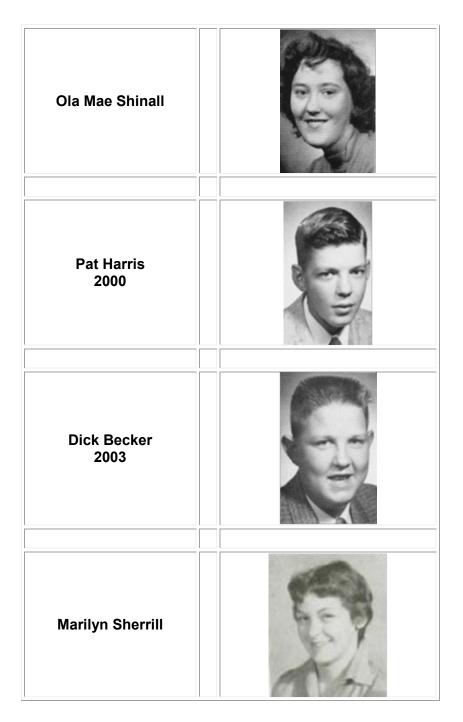
**Kids & Grandkids?** Two sons; Joe Jr. & Michael. Joe has a son Daniel and a daughter, Sarah

# In Memoriam

### In Memoriam – Class of 1960

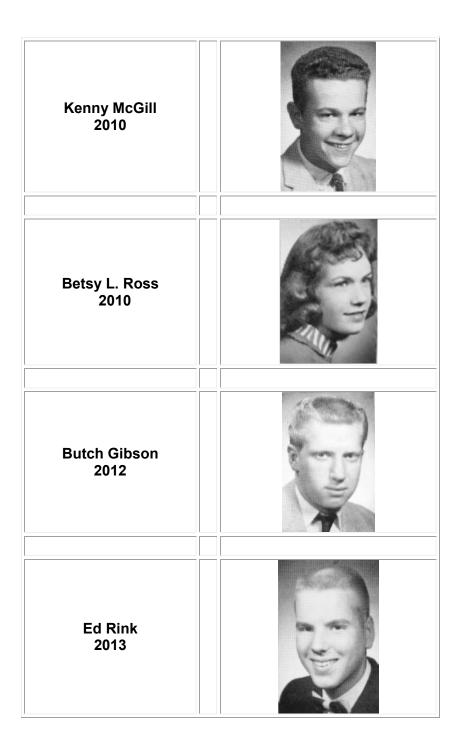


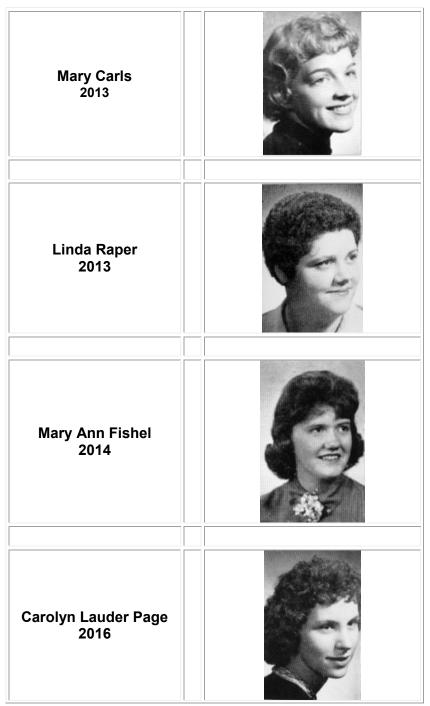


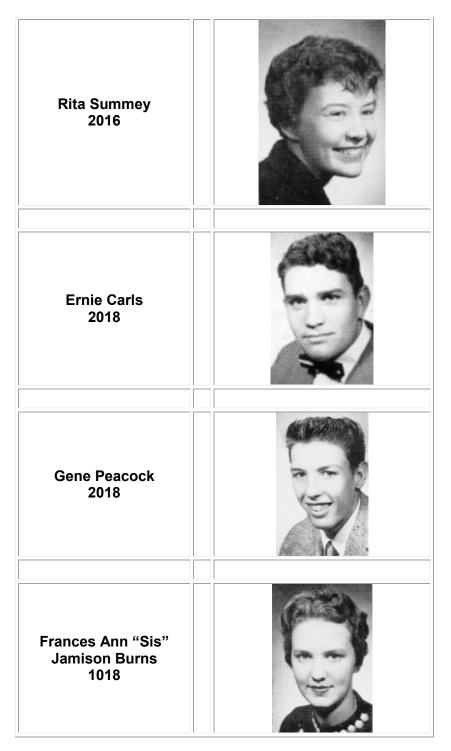


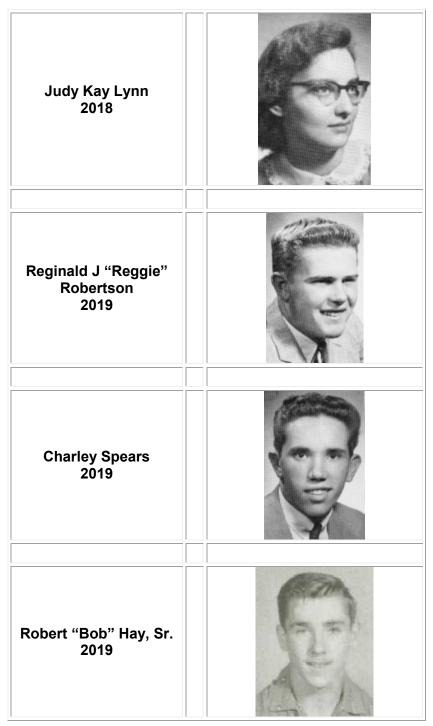


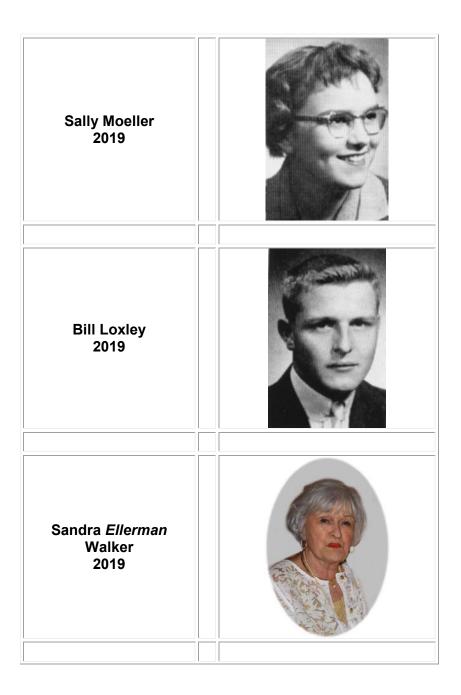
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# Classmates for a short time or classmates that moved away

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Doris Anderson	Х			
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Margie Brewer	Х	Х		
Linda Bullerdick	Х	Х		
Ronnie Camp	Х			
Anna May DeVerger	Х	Х		
Bill Dugger	Х	Х		
Glen Dyer		Х	Х	
Sandy Ewing	Х	Х		
Mike Fisher	Х	Х		
Kay Fox	Х	Х	Х	
Ronnie Hance	Х	Х		
Barbara Hay	Х	Х	Х	
Bob Hay	Х	Х	Х	
Judy Hankins	Х			
Dwight King		X		
Geraldine Knouse	Х	X	Х	
James Knouse	Х	X	Х	Х
Marjorie Korte	Х	Х	Х	

Sharon Lael	Х	X		
Betty Lisenbee	Х		Х	
John Mallby	Х	Х	Х	
Bob Meyer	Х			
David McCullough	Х			
LaDonna Mouser	Х			
John Oettle	Х			
Doris Peacock	Х			
Nancy Pherigo	Х			
Mary Robbins				Х
Jim Robinson		Х		
Jim Self	Х			
Larry Stephens				Х
Marilyn Sherrill	Х	X	Х	
Terry Stiles	Х	X	Х	
Rosie Steele		Х		
Janet Tandy	Х	Х		
Dale Wankel	Х			
Doris Wells	Х	Х	Х	Х
Mary Yost	Х	Х	Х	

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# Reunion History

# 55<sup>th</sup> – May 2015

We had a typical let down after our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion back in 2010 as we only had 13 class mates attend. We did have 3 others who made reservations but were not able to attend due to other family activities. And families do come first

We held our Friday night class party at the Opera House in downtown Beardstown. Those classmates and their spouses who made the trip were:

Jean Beghtol Onken	Jerry & Sharon <i>Jockish</i> Boice
Gary & Mary Ann <i>Drawve</i> Buck	Marilyn Butcher & Bill Walter
Virginia Bybee Thompson	Bill & Pam Caldwell DeSollar
Sis Jamison Burns	Karen Conner Davis
Tom & Debbie <i>Rawlins</i> Lael	Bob Loughary
Bill & Janice Butcher Schlueter	Gerry Wagner

Those who could not attend because of family activities

Rick Schultz	Tom Taylor
Judy Lynn	

Even though we were a small group everyone was able to talk about the old school days and where is ??? now?

A number of the classmates were able to drop by Bill & Janice Schlueter's house Saturday afternoon before moving on to the Banquet.

Those who dropped by were:

Jerry & Sharon Boice	Gary & Mary Ann Buck
Marilyn & Bill Walter	Bill & Pam DeSollar
Bob Loughary & a friend	Larry Tucker
Bill & Janice Schlueter	

Alumni Banquet, we all enjoyed the evening. The meal wasn't that bad and the Class responses always add levity to the occasion.

Those who attended the Banquet to represent the outstanding class of 1960 were:

Jerry and Sharon Boice	Marilyn & Bill Walter
Pam & Bill DeSollar	Karen Conner Davis
Tom & Debbie Lael	Bob Loughary & friend
Bill & Janice Schlueter	Rick & Paula Schultz

After the Banquet a few of us made it to the Schlueters to unwind:

Gary & Mary Ann Buck	Tom & Debbie Lael
Marilyn & Bill Walter	Rick & Paula Schultz
Jerry & Sharon Boice	Bill & Janice Schlueter

# 50<sup>th</sup> – May 2010

The Class of 1960 reached its big milestone on May 28, 2010, our  $50^{\rm th}\, {\rm Class}\, {\rm Reunion}.$ 

The weather in Beardstown was almost perfect, although it was a bit hot. But since the Banquet is now held in the new high school cafeteria and it is *air conditioned*, nobody noticed. The Class Chairman was Mary Ann *Fishel* Smith. Mary Ann, I know, put in many, many hours of hard work to get things organized, letters mailed out and find current addresses for those of us who move around a bit. I depended upon Mary Ann and Geraldine Wagner to help me find current addresses so I could send out the questionnaire to every one for information to put into the Class booklet. I received help from a number of people especially Hazel Taylor Merrick. I would hate to print out and file all of the E-mails that were going back and forth. I also received a packet of photographs from Bob & Sandy Walker. They provided me with

pictures I had never seen before. I put some in the booklet, a few are on the Class of 1960 web site and more will go into the next booklet in 5 years.

#### Friday Class Party

On Friday night our Class got together at the Café From Yesterday along with two other classes, the Class of 1945 and the much younger Class of 1980. We had a great turn-out with 50 able to attend which included 33 Classmates and many spouses. Those who attended included:

David & Liz Asher	Mary Ankrom Longmire
Gary & Mary Ann Buck	Jerry & Sharon Boice
Virginia Bybee <i>Thompson</i>	Karen Conner Davis
Jean Beghtol Onken	Marilyn Butcher & Bill Walter
Earnest & Mariam Carls	Pam & Bill DeSollar
Mary Ann Fishel & Lanny Smith	Larry Foster
Butch & Dora Gibson	Marsha Hutson
Sis Jamison	Roger & Peggy Hunter
Donnie Harris	Judy Lynn <i>Guinn</i>
Tom & Debbie Lael	Sally Moeller Summey
Ladonna Mouser <i>Mitchell</i> & a guest	Linda Raper Arnold
Ed & Peggy Rink	Bill & Janice Schlueter
Tom & Vickie Taylor	Bill & Michelle Unland
Hazel Taylor & Bob Merrick	Bob & Sandy Walker
Joe & Eileen Walker	Gerry Wagner
Dale Wankel & wife	

Joe Walker mentioned that the last Class party he attended was our 25<sup>th</sup>. So it looks like Joe is on a 25 year schedule. Nobody recognized David Asher and his wife and many of us did not recognize Dale Wankel either. It was nice to see LaDonna Mouser and we were very glad she was able to attend.

Of course the Class of 1980 had a band, and they were able to play with all of the gusto you would expect. It was noted that our Class

had members travel from as far away as Alaska and the Island of Malta. A brief geographic description provided those who were not sure of where Malta is located, found that simply going to Italy and turning right, you will find Malta. After the music started the tables closest to the band slowly started to clear and before long many had moved to the back wall as far away as possible. It looked to me that most of the Class of 1980 had even gone outside to be able to talk. A number of our Classmates did take advantage and displayed their moves around the dance floor.

Our Class started to peel out and go to other Reunion parties in the downtown area and many took advantage of Pam & Bill DeSollar's invitation to their home where the sound level was sane, well almost sane.

#### Saturday Afternoon

To warm up for the Annual Alumni Banquet we went to Bill & Janice Schlueter's house. It was a very nice afternoon unless you sat in the sun, then it did get a bit warm. The guys parked on the deck and discussed sports, cars, jobs during and just out of high school, what it's like growing old and the various limps, hearing and assorted other health issues. The ladies being a bit sharper settled around the table in the kitchen. They discussed whatever a group of women discuss.

Gary & Mary Ann Buck	Marilyn Butcher & Bill Walter
Pam & Bill DeSollar	Mary Ann Fishel Smith
Larry Foster	Butch Gibson
Marsha Hutson	Tom & Debbie Lael
Ed & Peggy Rink	Bill & Janice Schlueter
Hazel Taylor & Bob Merrick	Larry & Mary Lee Tucker
Bob & Sandy Walker	Joe & Eileen Walker

Those who were able to stop by were:

#### Banquet

The Banquet at the High School had reservations for about 375 alumni members and most of the 2010 high school Seniors. Butch Gibson was picked to give the class response but had Mary Ann very worried as he was very late in showing up. Bill Schlueter had mentioned to Butch that he was going to take a few beers and Butch was welcome to bring a bottle of wine. Butch brought the bottle of wine but caused a great deal of consternation by Mary Ann hoping that the school officials would not throw Butch and his bottle out. He about did not get into the building with the bottle. Sally Moeller Summey won the 50/50 drawing at the Banquet. Over-all the meal was good and the group that serves it was as efficient as always.

A few (very few) went down to the Elks after the Banquet. It is the opportunity to see those in the other classes and those members we knew from our days in BHS. The Annual Alumni Banquet and Class parties do draw many people back to Beardstown for this special weekend. Those attending the Banquet were:

Mary Ankrom	Jerry & Sharon Boice
Gary & Mary Ann Buck	Marilyn & Bill Water
Karen Connor	Pam & Bill DeSollar
Butch & Dora Gibson	Larry Foster
Mary Ann Fishel	Roger & Peggy Hunter
Marsha Hutson	Tom & Debbie Lael
Sally Moeller Summey	Ed & Peggy Rink
Bill & Janice Schleuter	Larry & Mary Lee Tucker
Sandy & Bob Walker	Dale Wankel & wife
Joe & Eileen Walker	

#### DeSollars after the Banquet

At one time there were at least 21 of us at Pam & Bill DeSollars. It was so nice to be able to sit and talk without dueling with the band and the music. Bill was the perfect host and made sure everyone that wanted a drink or beverage had one and he was always on the spot for refills.

We all were laughing until most people had tears at Gary Buck after he ate 10 Gin soaked raisins (good for Arthritis). He threw his cane across the room, yelling "I'm cured, I'm cured", then whaling his arms and legs repeating his claim. It didn't stop for about 10 minutes.

Then there is Karen Conner Davis that keeps us in stitches telling stories of her "secret" life in high school. Gary did pester the heck out of Karen for a good portion of the night.

A phone call was made to Jim Danner. Since Jim was not home to take the call everyone, and I mean everyone, left a very long and involved message. Pam DeSollar received a phone call the next week and all she could hear for the first minute was someone laughing. It was Jim Danner who had just gotten home and had listened to his **Long** voicemail from many of us. Said he made a wrong choice in not joining us.

Jerry & Sharon Boice	Gary & Mary Ann Buck
Karen Conner	Marilyn & Bill Walter
Bill & Pam DeSollar	Larry Foster
Marsha Hutson	Roger Hunter
Tom & Debbie Lael	Sally Moeller
Bill & Janice Schleuter	Larry & Mary Lee Tucker
Sandy & Bob Walker	

Those that I noted that made it by were:

# 45<sup>th</sup> – May 2005

The 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion is now in the history books. To ever one that was able to make it back that weekend, thanks they would not be the same if you did not come. The weather was great for the entire weekend. We got to use the new high school cafeteria for the Saturday night Banquet. We even had a new Beardstown Library to visit.

We held our Friday night party at the "Café From Yesterday" located on 2<sup>nd</sup> street behind the old building that was at one time the Dime Store. We shared the facility with another class, an older class I recall, I know they were amazed at the entertainment we had. We were graced with a visit from none other than Elvis, what a show. In looking at pictures taken that evening I identified these classmates at the party:

Bill & Pam DeSollar Mary Ann & Lanny Smith Jerry & Sharon Boice Ruth & John Wilcox Gary & Mary Ann Buck Marilyn Walter Gerry Wagner Jane Beghtol Kanda Karen Conner

Bob & Sandra Walker Ed & Peggy Rink Rick & Paula Schultz Hazel & Bob Merrick Bill & Janice Schlueter Sally Summey Jean Beghtol Onken Francis Sis Jamison Burns Linda Raper Arnold Reunion History – Page 7 Les Farwell

Tom & Debbie Lael

Saturday afternoon prior to the Banquet many gathered at Bill & Janice Schuelters. Bill was able to have his palm trees in full glory for the reminiscing on his deck.

As just mentioned the Banquet was held in the new school which meant that it was cool, and not unbearably hot and stuffy and noisy with the fans running to keep the temperature decent. I did get the sense that as each Reunion class was introduced that the younger Alumni members are starting to look at us and think, how old are they?

One major change in the agenda is that the Alumni Association does not hold a dance in the gym after the Banquet. So there are no tail-gate parties, but we have always found ways to adjust to any condition or restriction. Instead the Alumni Dance is held at the Beardstown Elks Lodge. We had a great number of our Class meet there to talk and even dance, oh yeas and drink a little.

After the Banquet and dance at the Elk's Lodge most everyone made it to DeSollars'. In years past this was usually to keep the party going. Maybe our age is showing, or did it seem as if we were in a winding down mood. This was the first reunion ever people were gone from DeSollars on Saturday night by 12:30 am and breakfast was not served. Bill and Pam mentioned that it wasn't always just the Class of 60 that came by but people from the Class of 59 and others. I do recall we all gathered in the front room and took turns telling jokes. There are some very good fabricators in our Class.

# 40<sup>th</sup> – May 2000

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion moved us a bit closer to the big one coming up in 2010. I guess you could say that this was a practice for that one. We had a lot of our classmates make it back to Beardstown for the Reunion and it was great to see them.

Our Friday night party was held above the Bowling Alley. We had 23 of our class and many spouses show up for a great time. The food was good, the conversations were better, and no one encountered any spoiled liquor. One classmate, Donnie Harris who I do not believe had been to the Reunion in a long time made it by for a few minutes. We were even able to participate in a Karaoke session with one of the younger classes also holding their party at the Bowl. You could see where growing up during the time of Elvis, the Platters, and Little Richard paid off big time. Not only did some of us sing, but performed some very intricate choreographed moves. We will not identify the singers or dancers, but here is a list of those that were there on Friday:

Jane (or Jean) Beghtol	Jean (or Jane) Beghtol
Gary Buck	Marilyn Butcher
Pam Caldwell	Karen Conner
Bill DeSollar	Bill Dyche
Mary Ann Fishel	Larry Foster
Donnie Harris	Sis Jamison
Bettigail Kiser	Tom Lael
Sally Moeller	Bill Schlueter
Diane Schuetter	Rick Schultz
Rita Summey	Hazel Taylor
Gerry Wagner	Bob Walker

I hope we did not forget anyone, everyone is too important to miss. Maybe we will have to have a sign-in sheet or take attendance. Didn't we hate that in school? That's what maturity does to you. It

won't be long and some of us will be responsible adults. Mary Ann and a bunch of others helped to send out letters this year and make the arrangements for the party. Thank you all from all of us.

On Saturday before the Banquet many of us made it to Bill and Janice Schlueter's. As best as I can recall and with help from Marilyn, Jane & Jean Beghtol, Gary Buck, Pam & Bill DeSollar, Larry Foster, Mary Ann Fishel, Sally Moeller, Diane Schueter, and Hazel Taylor dropped by to reminisce. Bill had decorated his deck with palm trees for the festive occasion. We learned a lot about Larry Foster and the life of being a bush pilot in Alaska.

The Banquet on Saturday evening was as enjoyable as it always is. Trying to recall that night some years later I do not remember if it was as hot as usual. I think the weather was cool and it was comfortable for a change. Marilyn gave the class response which helped relieve tension among our classmates whose turn is yet to come. The Class of 1960 was well represented with about 17 of us able to attend. As we grow older we notice that our table at the Banquet has moved toward the middle and near the front. I guess that reflects the truth that our sight and hearing need a shorter distance to travel. It also makes it easier for the 5 & 10 year Reunion classes to get a close-up look at their future. It does however seem strange not to have the dance and tailgate parties as we used to have in the parking lot.

We finished off that night or should I say early morning with breakfast at the DeSollars'. We still have great cooks in our class and they did their magic with the culinary delights. Thanks to the host & hostess and those special cooks.

> Green eggs & ham in the middle of the night, Just what the Doctor ordered for someone who is tight. As the hour became late, We agreed to set a date, We said our goodbyes, and shed not a tear, But maybe that was because of the beer.

# 35<sup>th</sup> – May 1995

To: Members of BHS Class of 1960 From: Marilyn Butcher Walter, Chair of 35th Reunion Date: June 6, 1995 Subject: Review of 35th Class Reunion, May 26-28

The committee met first in April of 1994 and now the reunion is over. A lot of preparation goes into this three-day weekend, but it is all worthwhile from my perspective.

I believe the rest of those who worked hard to make this happen will agree.

Our numbers are improving considerably. In 1990 we heard from 29 class members; this year I heard from 44. In 1990 26 class members enjoyed all or part of the weekend; this year 33 class members came for all or part of the festivities. The 2000 reunion (sounds incredible doesn't it, a new century!) will be even better, right??

Of course, I am disappointed when we don't hear from ALL of you. There are several of you that we haven't heard from for years! We really do care about you and what is going on in your life if you care to share that. If not, we just want to know where you are and how you are (especially as we get older). I got a letter from Jack Florey's wife saying that he had a stroke in 1993 and is unable to talk or have any use of his right side. We send our best to him and his family and hope for better days. Thanks to his wife for sending us this information.

These 33 class members had a great time this year: (state from if other than IL)

Dick Becker
Jane Beghtol Kanda - CO
Jean Beghtol Onken - TN
Jerry Boice - IA
Doug Bond - CA
Gary Buck
Marilyn Butcher Walter
Pamela Caldwell DeSollar
Mary Carls Brannan
Karen Conner

Bettigail Kiser Dyche Fanny Knous Weishaar Bill Loxley Tom Lael – CA Sally Moeller Summey-AL Linda Raper Arnold Beverly Ring Perry - WI Bill Schlueter Rick Schultz Tom Bruce Scott

Jim Danner - CA Bill DeSollar Bill Dyche Mary Ann Fishel Smith Larry Foster - CO Roger Hunter – NM Sis Jamison Burns Sandy Smith Wilcox Rita Summey Slayton- MO Larry Tucker Bill Unland Gerry Wagner- CA Bob Walker – FL Sandra Ellerman Walker

Out of our class, eight are not living-Dorothy Nell Winder, Mary Kost, Gary Savage, Roger Launer, Alan Eiskamp, Nancy Bowman, Cathy Caldwell, and Richard Thompson. We had individual memorial flowers on the class banquet table Saturday night for them. LeRoy Fishel (Mary Ann's brother) died the day before our reunion. Mary Ann did, however, what LeRoy would have wanted her to do as she attended most of our gatherings. Many of us ended the weekend by attending his visitation. We sent one of the bouquets on our banquet table to Mary Ann and the other to Ola Mae Shinall, who is in a nursing home in Beardstown.

Butch Gibson was out of the country this year; but since he has never missed a reunion, he wanted to do something for the class. Pam DeSollar bought lots of beer and soda complements of Butch for our Friday and Saturday night enjoyment. *Thanks Butch.*  A few things were obvious during this weekend. We drank less beer and liquor, sat more, talked about retirement, discussed grandchildren more than children, and were not as tolerant of noise (every time I changed the CD of "oldies" the volume had been turned down). We are, however, just as anxious to see each other and to get in plenty of fellowship, sharing of memories (our memories aren't too bad for the over *50s*), and getting reacquainted.

We can still keep late hours-2 a.m. Sat. a.m. and 2:30 Sun. a.m. I was glad we had Monday (Memorial Day) to recuperate.

Doug Bond had never attended a reunion before. He and his wife traveled from California to join us. We hope that he enjoyed the weekend, dredged up memories from 35 years ago, and saw places in town he hadn't seen for that many years. He brought his senior yearbook that he hadn't had people sign in 1960 and asked us to sign it this weekend. We hadn't done that before! *Thanks for coming Doug. Hope you return again.* 

Jane Beghtol and Fanny Knous also joined us for the first time. Jane traveled from Denver to join her sister and the rest of us and also to visit her mother in Beardstown. Fanny lives in Beardstown. I know they had a good time renewing friendships. We hope to see them back for more reunions.

It was good to see Jerry Boice, who hasn't been to a reunion for some time. He lives in Eldon, Iowa on the property where Tom Arnold and Roseanne were building their mansion. That is an interesting story and is included in our class booklet. Jerry and Sharon were here only for the banquet so we didn't get to talk to them much. *Hope you can stay longer next time.* 

I was very disappointed that Virginia Bybee, Charlie Spears, Diane Schuetter, and Ed Rink didn't make it this year. (They have come to previous reunions.) *Believe me you were missed. As we went through pictures of past reunions and yearbooks, everyone asked about you.* David Hardwick told me he would come, but he didn't show up either. Dick Becker and Bill Loxley didn't let us down. I didn't know they were coming, so it was a delight to see them Friday. *Glad you guys came.* 

Of course, as most of you know, this was a very wet month in Illinois and this weekend was no exception - rain, rain, rain!!! AND the river was threatening to come over the flood gate at the sea wall at the end of State Street. We had rain Friday night and a downpour as we went to the banquet Saturday night. Just ask Bill Schlueter or Doug Bond. They were soaked!!

Friday night our party was at the new Lions Club building. This was a great place to be as we were by ourselves. Some places in town had three or four class parties in one building. We had a great meal catered. I brought pictures from the 20th, 25th, and 30th reunions that we enjoyed. We also browsed through old yearbooks. Some of you had sent recent pictures of you and/or your families. These were posted for everyone to see.

The open house at Bill and Janice Schlueter's home was held inside due to that wet stuff. Sandy Smith, Fanny Knous, Jean and Jane, Karen Conner, and I brought appetizers. Butch furnished the beverages. *Thanks to all of you, especially Bill and Janice.* Gary Buck hadn't been able to be here Friday, so we were anxious to see him at this gathering. He had written a letter, however, that I read on

# Friday night. It was known as "the letter." What a guy!! Anyone had frozen peas since that Friday night?

Twenty-four class members were at the banquet (there were 17 in 1990). Sis Jamison Burns did all of the decorations for Friday and Saturday nights. She also made a banner that is pink and black (remember our class colors?) and says "Welcome Class of 1960."

The bouquets had 45 rpm records in with the pink carnations. She did a great job, and the banner will be used for every reunion. Tom Lael and Bill Schlueter with the help of Mike Schlueter, Bill's son, hung the banner from those high beams in the gym over our table Saturday for the banquet. You should have seen their ingenuity at work! What a team! *Our thanks to* Sis *and those guys.* Tom Lael gave our class response. *Good job, Tom.* 

Bill Unland brought a hayrack into the high school parking lot for the tailgate party. He even found a blue carpet remnant to cover the floor of it. Then- you guessed it!- it was soaked by the time the tailgate party started. *Thanks, Bill for your efforts.* The rain held off for the first two hours of the dancing, conversation, and fun. At 11 p.m. it started raining and the class of 1960 adjourned to Pam and Bill DeSollars'-an hour and a half earlier than past reunions. Around 1 a.m. Jim Danner and Sis Jamison Burns assumed their traditional roles of cooking our breakfast. Jim cooked the bacon and Sis did the scrambled eggs and donuts, while Pam and Bill supervised over their kitchen. It seems we have outgrown Green Eggs and Ham!

Remember when we had that??? The breakfast was delicious. *Thanks to the cooks and host and hostess.* 

You probably wonder what we find to do and talk about for the number of hours that we are together-for most of us it was at least  $15\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Believe me, there was plenty of conversation, laughing, teasing, clowning, empathizing, caring, and concern for one another. Remember most of us were together for at least eight years of our lives.

We need to reconsider whether to have the Sunday picnic since only five class members came and three others stopped by before leaving town. This was understandable since many also need time to visit family and other friends in the area.

The committee chair for the 40th reunion is Mary Ann Fishel Smith. Tom Lael, Gary Buck and I will be helping. Any other volunteers??? Let Mary Ann (217-323-1045) or me know. Any ideas and suggestions are also welcome. Please be sure to inform me of any address changes. It is a big job to keep our address list up to date.

Those who didn't send money to receive a class booklet with the address, phone, etc. of all who responded may purchase one from me for \$2. Just send a note with money, and your booklet will be in the mail.

Thanks to those of you who attended and made this a highlight of my year. See you in 2000 if not before.

(Source of information- Marilyn Butcher)

## 30<sup>th</sup> - May 1990

TO: Members of BHS Class of 1960FROM: Marilyn Butcher WalterDATE: July 8,1990SUBJECT: Review of 30th Class Reunion

Well, where do I start. If you weren't there, we missed you, probably talked about you, and hope that you won't disappoint us in 1995 by not coming. If you were there, I should have asked you to write some comments.

I was very disappointed that I didn't hear from more of you this year. Only 29 sent back the form so that I could get the information printed. There are several of you that we haven't heard from for years. We really do care about you and what is going on in your life if you care to share that. If not, we just want to know where you are. Those of you who live right in town or nearby, of course, get talked about the most by those of us who travel quite a distance.

These 26 class members enjoyed all or part of the weekend festivities:

Dick Becker
Gary Buck
Marilyn Butcher Walter
Virginia Bybee Thompson
Pam Caldwell DeSollar
Bill DeSollar
Mary Carls Brannan
Karen Connor Davis
Jim Danner
Bill Dyche
Bettigail Kiser Dyche
Mary Ann Fishel Smith
Sandra Ellerman Walker

Butch Gibson Sis Jamison Burns Tom Lael Bill Loxley Sally Moeller Summey Linda Raper Arnold Ed Rink Bill Schlueter Rick Schultz Sandy Smith Wilcox Charley Spears Bob Walker Larry Foster

Jim and Tom came all the way from California, Larry from Colorado, Sally from Alabama, and Bob and Sandy from Florida.

Seventeen class members and several spouses had a great time at the class party on Friday night. It was a beautiful evening. The setting was very casual which allowed us to get in plenty of conversation.

Mary and Tom had a huge grill, and we grilled steaks that melted in your mouth along with rice casserole, lettuce salad, and rolls. We started at 7:30, and the party broke up around 2 a.m. Those present felt this type of setting was much more conducive to getting reacquainted and reminiscing than a served dinner and the noise of a band.

Those from Lutheran School were a bit smug since the attendance percentage of their class was much higher than those from the public schools. Those of us from the public school must remember in 1995 to correct that situation! We do appreciate the fact that those Lutherans come because they are the ones that keep us in stitches most of the evening. They really pulled some wild pranks as youngsters. I think, however, that they get embellished each reunion. Am I right, guys?

Saturday morning several of we gals gathered to decorate our tables in the high school gym for the banquet that night. Dorothy Nell Winder's mother sent flowers for the table in her memory. We had three other pots of flowers (from Larry Tucker's greenhouse) in memory of the three fellows in our class who have died: Alan Eiskamp, Roger Launer, Gary Savage. The table was lovely with pink and black ribbons and bows.

Larry Foster gave our class response at the banquet on Saturday night. He had been working on it since we drafted him for the task five years ago. However, he worked on it diligently during dinner. We all wondered if he even ate.

Bill Schlueter had parked his truck right at the back door of the gym so our class had a prime spot for the "tailgate" parking lot gatherings. If you have never attended a reunion, this you must see. It has to be "one of a kind." The weather was perfect. We did have a few class members come for this one. which was better than not seeing them at all. We must remember to bring lawn chairs next time. Standing for three hours can be tiring.

The parking lot closes at midnight. We headed for our "traditional" breakfast at the DeSollars. Sis, Jim, Pam, Bill Schlueter are great cooks. It is hard to believe that we could find so much to talk about, but it was 1:30 or 2 am. again on Saturday night before we said our goodbyes until 1995.

Plans were underway for our 35th reunion before we left. Presently, we plan to rent a big tent and have our class party at Rick Schultz's. The tent will be big as we expect many more of you to attend So far the committee consists of Sis, Mary Ann, Sandy Wilcox, Rick, Bill Schlueter, and me. Any other volunteers? Give me a call or send me a note. We would also like your ideas for the '95 gathering.

I forgot to mention that Virginia Swan stopped by our class party on Friday night. She had been in our class and had never been to a reunion. She was not going to come until she received her GED which she did three years ago. Congratulations, Virginia!

Please keep me informed of any address change you may have. Putting this address list together every five years is a big job. Mary and Pam did a great job this year. I think only three letters were returned. Do you have an address for Pat Dupoy Thomas, Tom Baer, or Jack Florey?

Those who didn't send money to receive a class booklet with the address, phone, etc. of all who responded may purchase one from me for \$1.50 (only \$1 if you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

Thanks to those of you who attended and made this a highlight of my year. See you in 1995. Those of you who received your booklet will read this, but all of us need to read what Tom Lael wrote: "I often look back and wonder why I didn't go to the first one or two (reunions). I hope we can work on our local class members to get them to attend. The loss of Roger Launer this year just goes to point out that over the years our numbers are going to get smaller, and one last chance to meet again is very important."

(Source of information- Marilyn Butcher)

## 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1985

TO: BHS CLASS OF 1960 FROM: Marilyn Butcher Walter DATE: June 12, 1985 SUBJECT: Reflections on the Reunion

We missed many of you at the reunion of the Class of 1960. It was a weekend of memories, believe me. At some time over the weekend the following were in attendance: (maiden names used here)

Jean Beghtol (Wisc) Jerry Boice

Sally Moeller (Ala) Linda Raper Reunion History – Page 17 Gary Buck Marilyn Butcher Cathy Caldwell (Calif) Mary Carls Karen Conner Bill DeSollar Pam Caldwell Bill Dyche **Bettigail Kiser** Mary Ann Fishel Alan Eiskamp (Tenn) Larry Foster (Colo) Butch Gibson Marsha Hutson (Colo) Sis Jamison Tom Lael (Conn) Bill Loxley

Beverly Ring Ed Rink Betsy Ross Lynn Launer Bill Schlueter Diane Schuetter (Ky) Rick Schultz Sandy Smith Charlie Spears Rita Summey Tom Taylor Larry Tucker Bill Unland Gerry Wagner Joe Walker (Maine) Bob Walker (FI)

The weather was absolutely great all weekend. Friday night we did have long waits to get across the ferry to get to Rushville, but no one suffered too much. The bridge is being completely overhauled and has been closed to traffic since November 1. We had a nice buffet dinner and lots of visiting. We gave a few "prizes"--Cathy Caldwell traveled the greatest distance; Sally Moeller has the most grandchildren(3); Rita Summey and Beverly Ring have changed the least, with Bob Walker a close second.

Most of us decided we do not need a band at our reunion parties anymore. It was a bit loud for conversation. We do, however, have some very spirited dancers--especially as the evening wears on. On the way back to Beardstown each ferry load was Class of '60-what fun'. Some of us then had breakfast at the Illini Cafe before giving up for the morning. There we got to visit with members of other reunion classes.

Saturday was a full day for many of us. Diane and I decorated our banquet tables at 10. The city had a very nice fish fry on the square for alumni and friends. At 1 Mary Carls Brannan and husband Tom hosted a swimming party at their home for the class. Bill Schlueter was our only swimmer. The rest of us had a lovely relaxing afternoon of more conversation around the pool.

Bill Schlueter and Marilyn Butcher hosted an open house from 4 to 6. The weather was perfect for a lawn party--plenty of food and

fellowship. Several of the wives of guys in our class brought delicious appetizers.

We were having such a good time at Schlueters' that most came in late for the Alumni Banquet at 6:30. But a "grand entrance" was in order. After all, 25 years deserves some recognition! Recognition is what we received when Gary Buck gave our class response after the meal. It was "memorable"--some may say "unique" as only Gary can get by with. I can't describe it and do it justice except to say he wore mirrored sunglasses and a hat with two bills that said "I am their leader. Which way did they go?"--you had to be there!

The Alumni Dance was nice, I guess. I didn't go into the old gym but once. The parking lot gatherings were great. Each class was allowed two cars for tailgate parties. We had Bill Unland bring in a melon wagon. We put lawn chairs around our area and had great fellowship with other classes and persons from Beardstown who

stopped by--John Schroll, Melanie Hess, George McClure, Claude Potts, Marilyn and Joyce Lubkecher (can't spell it), Sam Seward, Larry Jamison, etc., etc., etc.

I must say that I am impressed at the fact that this year we seemed to have fewer drinkers, but we had just as much fun. The Alumni Association worked very hard at keeping underage persons out of the area, and they felt this year was much better in that respect. Thanks for your help.

At 1:30 a.m. we adjourned to Bill and Pam DeSollar's for breakfast. Pam and Cathy did a great job in the kitchen. We really started reminiscing about things we remembered from high school. Another late night--or early morning!

Sunday's picnic was mostly attended by persons from Beardstown. The others had "hit the road" for home or to visit relatives. I suppose some may have been sleeping.

I had a humbling experience Sunday morning. Ola Mae Shinall Martin has multiple sclerosis and is in Myer Nursing Home in Beardstown. I took the floral centerpiece from our table at Saturday night's banquet to her. She was so appreciative and wanted to know how many were here and about the reunion. She gave me a kiss and sent her love to all of you. By the way, at each of our reunions, this one included, Dorothy Nell Winder's mother sends a floral arrangement for our table at the Alumni Banquet in her memory. We return that arrangement to Mrs. Winder after Saturday night.

I have to say that for me this reunion is a "high." It is great fun to see and talk to you--to reminisce as well as to keep up to date. It was just great seeing and hearing from each of you who responded. I hope that those of you who didn't respond will plan now to join us for the 30th or at least let us know where you are and what you are doing. You have my address. File it with your other important addresses. If you move, please send me a note. It is a BIG job compiling addresses every five years. You can help by keeping me or Pam DeSollar informed of your whereabouts.

Rick Schultz has agreed to set up our class party in five years. Mary Carls will be corresponding with you then, and Larry Foster will give the class response. For the 20th and the 25th we have had around 50 percent of the class in attendance. Can't we make that a higher percentage for the 30th? If you have never attended, you are missing a great time.

Report on class expenses: I came out with \$10 to spare. That will at least get the next reunion committee started. Thanks for the donations. Money was spent for table decorations, postage for two mailings (this one is on me), copies, booklet, band, rental of park shelter for the picnic, phone calls.

Those who didn't send money to receive a booklet with the address, phone number, etc. of all who responded may purchase one from me for \$1.50 (only \$1 if you send a self-addressed, stamped enveloped).

A very sincere thanks to all who helped in any way on the reunion.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> – May 1980

I think this party was held out at the Union Hall on the Arenzville Road. I recall that we had the Pork Producers cook the meal for us.

Kenny McGill was able to come back from Tulsa for this reunion.

We need help on anything anyone remembers about this years Reunion. If we wait too long this will not get any easier.

## 15<sup>th</sup> – May 1975

Where did we have our party and who was there?

### 10<sup>th</sup> – May 1970

I noted in the Alumni Association Banquet program that Rita Summey was our class chairman.

I have a copy of the booklet that Rita put together with the names of those class members that responded to her questionnaire.

The list in 1970 was:

Jeff Baymiller Betsy Ross Gary Buck Linda Sue Raper Bill DeSollar Leslie Farwell Lynn Launer Tom Lael Mary Ankrom Bill Schlueter Mary Ann Fishel Bob Walker Dick Becker Diane Schuetter Frances Jamison Karen Conner Pam Caldwell Roger Hunter Roy Icenogle Rita Summey Emil Rink Charles Spears Larry Tucker Marilyn Butcher

#### 5<sup>th</sup> - May 1965

We lost out first class member (Gary Savage) just before the reunion. We held our party out at the Country Club.

We do need for someone that recalls some of the things we did for that Reunion to give us some help on adding to this book.

Where did we hold our Friday night party? Who was there?

# Class Photos

I did not take many pictures during our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion weekend. I am hoping that I can collect some photographs from those of you (I hope others were taking pictures) who did. With my memory getting shorter I and I am guessing you may also need more photographs to put the weekend in focus.

A sampling of photographs from the Friday evening party.



Photographs that have been sent to me to share with everyone.



Marsha Hutson, Bob Walker & Lynn Launer Hutson



Bob Walker & Lynn Launer Hutson

I have removed a number of the photographs that have been in prior booklets to give me a bit more room to add photographs taken at our BIG Reunion (50<sup>th</sup>). I hope you still have the booklets from our last few Reunions, so you will have these old images.

The next couple of photos are from the 2000 Reunion



#### Marilyn gives the Class response





Friday night and all is well



Karen & Gerry

How late is it getting to be?



Alumni isn't that big a deal!!

### Photographs from our 2005 Class party and Alumni



What an honor to have Elvis appear at our Friday night party.



Jerry Boice and his wife talking with Ed Rink. In the background are Rick & Paula Schultz with Marilyn Butcher in between.



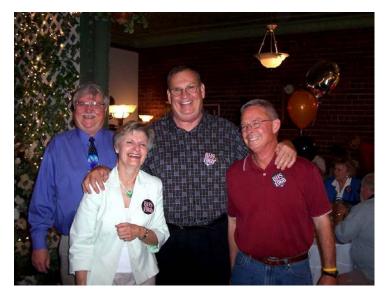
Karen Conner & J Beghtol recall a funny one.



Bill DeSollar and Bob Walker



Mary Ann Fishel, Karen Conner, and Geraldine Wagner watching the entertainment.



A happy time was enjoyed by all, Tom Lael, Marilyn Butcher, Gary Buck & Rick Schultz.



Hazel Taylor and Ruth Smith looking over the Class booklet.



Sis Jamison and Linda Raper are looking way to serious.



Paula Schultz, Pam & Bill DeSollar also appreciating the entertainment.



Sandra & Bob Walker, some of us are very happy.

The following are a collection taken over that weekend.





Debbie Rawlins Lael, Marilyn Butcher and Mary Ann Fishel building up to the Banquet.



# Taken in 2007 during the time the High school building was being torn down.



This is the way we remember the school.



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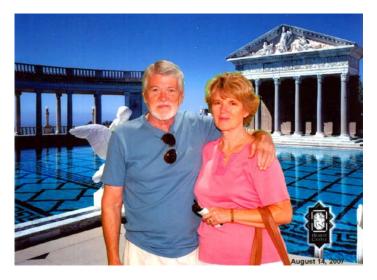


Jim Danner was back to see the end of the old school building joined by Marilyn Butcher.

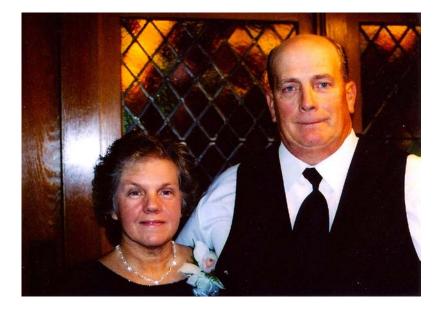


Bill Schleutter, Bill Loxley and Jim Danner.

Some of our Classmates sent along a photograph of themselves and their spouse with their questionnaire. (I will let you guess who they are)

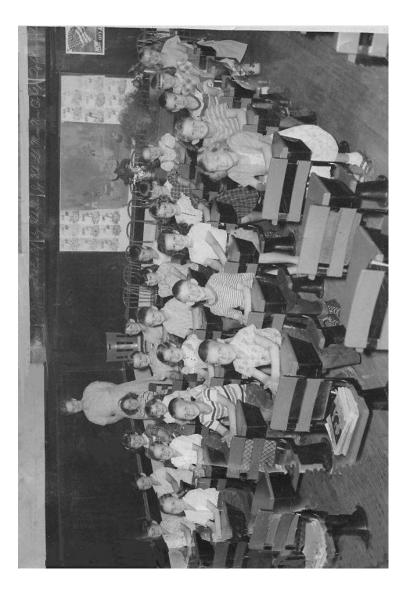








## Beard School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



Thank Betsy Birdsell (Ross) for this picture

Beard School 4<sup>th</sup> grade



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Mary Ann & Lanny Smith



Bob Walker & Ernie Carls



Bill & Janice Schlueter with Butch Gibson in foreground



Larry Foster & David Asher



Ladonna Mouser (in foreground) and Joe & Eileen Walker



Marsha Hutson



Bob Walker, Ernie Carls & Ed Rink (in white shirt)



Tom Taylor & black balloon



**Gerry Wagner** 



Gary Buck & Pam DeSollars at Schlueter's



Marilyn Butcher, Debbie Lael & Sandra Walker



Ed Rink, not sure who, Bill Schlueter



Marilyn Butcher, Larry Foster, Bob Walker



Schlueter's on Saturday Afternoon



Saturday night at Banquet



Karen Conner, Bill & Pam DeSollar



Mary Ankrom, Peggy & Ed Rink



Dale Wankel, Gary Buck & Sally Moeller



## Saturday Banquet



#### **Roger Hunter**

Middle row – Jane Beahtol. Nancy Snyder. Fannie Knouse. Carolyn Lauder. Rosemary Garner. Margie
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Front row - Joe Walker, Jim Knouse, Bob Loughary, Jim Self, Mike Fisher, Ronnie Hance (maybe), ??, Terry Applegate, Bob Myer, Jim Oettle, Jeff Baymiller;



Top row, I to r – Barbara Hay, Ed Rink, Hazel Taylor, Terry Stiles, ??, Kay Stoehr, ? Hale, Linda Raper, Sis Jamison, Leslie Farwell(maybe), David Hardwick, Jim Danner, Gene Peacock, Jerry Boice; Second row - Doris Wells, Mary Kost, Sharon Lael, Jean Beghtol, Judy Spillman, Betty Lisenbee, Sandy Ewing, Dale Wankel, David Canada, Ray Bailey;

Bottom row - Julie Dutch, Sandra Ellerman, Rita Summey, Nancy Bowman, Velma Self, Fred Mayes, David Asher, Leslie Farwell(maybe), Dick Warden, Darrell Smith, Reggie Robertson;



Top row, I to r – Bob Walker, Jack Florey, Jerry Mallicoat, Larry Hall, Tom Bear, Tom Lael, Larry Tucker, Gerry Wagner, Bettigail Kaiser, Roger Hunter, Dick Becker, David McCullogh, Waynette Blake; Second row - Donnie Anderson, Bill Loxley, Tom Taylor, Bill Duggar, Velma Ethridge, LaDonna Mouser, Karen Trout, Sally Moeller, Marilyn Butcher, Diane Schuetter; Bottom row – John Maltby, Mike Wells, Gerry Knouse, Linda Ballard, Kay Ann Fox, Pat Dupoy, Judy Hankins, Dorthy Neil Winder, Virginia Bybee, Virginia Swan;



## NOTES