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CLASS OF 1964





50th Reunion Committee WHS Class of '64

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Carol Allen Haith

After graduation from college, I was employed by several organizations where I was able to use my Sociology degree, but found, as time went by, I was disappointed in the “system” and became frustrated in the field. I became a flight attendant for United Airlines in 1969 and flew until June of 2003. It was an amazing career, filled with incredible opportunities and rewards. I probably would have flown longer if it wasn't for the inferior contract they were trying to negotiate with us. In retrospect, my farewell timing was perfect. After leaving United, I became the Business Manager of my husband Ed's polygraph business. It was quite a change from the world of traveling, but I thoroughly enjoyed the responsibility of keeping the business on track and productive.

After living in Virginia for 43 years, we made a life changing decision to move to Florida. We had vacationed along the west coast of Florida many times and enjoyed it immensely.....on a whim, we decided to check out The Villages in central Florida and were taken back by the high level of activities and positive atmosphere that was part of The Villages way of life. We bought a place thinking we would be Snow Birds for 3-4 years (that lasted exactly 2 weeks after we bought the house). I sold a ton of stuff on Craig's List, sold the house in less than a week, and we moved to Florida 7 months later in December of 2012 - with no regrets. Some of my activities include weekly golf, volunteering at The Villages Hospital in Recovery, taking enrichment classes at The Villages Lifelong College, and volunteering in a myriad of church activities. My spare time is spent attending some of The Villages nightly entertainment and special events, reading, and typically enjoying the wonderful warmth of Florida weather. My traveling days are not over and I still enjoy an occasional adventure in some distant location. This spring we are off to Israel to experience the Holy Land and its biblical and historical sites. I continue to enjoy special memories from our schooldays of some 60 years ago, but most of all, I fondly remember the new and exciting adventures we experienced being Westlake's FIRST graduating class.



Donna Andres Fessler

We recently (December) moved to the Charleston, SC area from New York and have been very busy since then. I've been married to John Fessler for 44 years and we have two sons, two daughter-in-laws and a grandson. Thank you to all the committee for all your work.



Claire Bosse

"Wildcat" territory remains a place I do not want to escape from. Retirement is in the foreseeable future. While working part time, I am exploring/expanding on different interests—socializing, volunteering, walks for a cause, renovating, real estate, gardening, Zumba (the latest interest), book clubs and as much travel as possible. Reunited with several classmates since the October 2010 reunion and have enjoyed working with that group to make this event possible. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50th events.



Rosemary Bonferraro Nielsen

After selling our home in Hawthorne in 1977 my husband, George (Krauss), and I moved to Connecticut where we raised our three children – Stacey, Meagan and Kevin. After 20 years of marriage I was suddenly widowed. Several years later I met Bill Nielsen and married in 2000.

By 2006 my three children were grown and out on their own. Bill and I decided to move to Virginia Beach to be near my sister. Oh how we loved beach life! However, within 4 years we had 4 beautiful grandchildren in the northeast; Lucy, Olivia and the twins--Beckett and Sidney. Unable to be away from my grandchildren we returned to Connecticut in 2010 and are currently living in Sandy Hook.

My career journey as an Executive Assistant took me to corporate companies including IBM, Intel, Pepsi (Stoli), Dun and Bradstreet, Heineken and finally Danbury Hospital. Although I consider myself retired, I work two days a week to keep me out of trouble!



Nancy Buckingham Garlick

Sorry I won't be able to attend the reunion as I will be traveling in Europe at that time, but I retired from teaching clarinet and coaching ensembles at the University of Virginia (2009) and playing in the Charlottesville Symphony. Avid interests in Early Music, golf and riding my Vespa. Will be participating in an early music festival in Copenhagen this spring.



Linda Calabrese Fine

I have had a happy and interesting life. I have loved and been loved. I have a wonderful son who is happily married and has his own company. My husband, Mike, makes me laugh and keeps me on my toes. My only sibling, Dolores, and I are close, I have two delicious nieces, my favorite cousin, Lois and many good friends.

My career has included hotel management, owning a luxury hotel and spa in Palm Beach, FL., real estate development; including hotels, luxury condos and senior residences. I recently was part of a team that successfully brought a musical to the Broadway stage and have spent time inventing and designing accessories for women.

I have lived in Florida and, mostly, NYC. I traveled quite a bit, including Paris, Istanbul and Egypt.

I am a vegetarian (with fish and eggs), work out at least 3 days a week and walk at least three miles a day.

Certainly, I have experienced sorrow and unhappiness, but my spiritual life has always been important; and I wake up each morning with gratitude and hope for a happy day ahead.

As I look back over these years, and looking forward, I can honestly say that financial success is nice but fleeting...living each day to the fullest with an open and compassionate heart has kept me happy and strong, and I know beyond a shadow of doubt.....that LOVE is all there is.



Christine Cardellino

I have been focused on my art. I work in a studio at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, VA, and I now have a website: www.cardellino-art.com. I've lived in Alexandria 20 years, and my sons and their families live in the Washington DC area as well.

All the best to everyone, especially to those of you who are keeping the class of '64 together.



Lois Clark Drake

Bill and I reside in St Augustine Florida. We have lived here for nine years. Bill enjoys golfing and the beach. I volunteer in the nursery at Flagler Hospital and at Marineland Dolphin Adventure. Our eldest daughter Christine and her husband reside in Cresskill, New Jersey. Our youngest Gennifer and her husband live in Saint Leonard, Maryland. We enjoy attending the USA Sevens International rugby tournament in Vegas every year.



Frannie Compo Hall

Frannie Compo, Calandro, Sullivan, HALL. My working life has been as a secretary with AT&T, Empire State Carpenters, and organizations I belong to. The loves of my life are my grandchildren. I have two sons left and 4 wonderful grandchildren. I have been very active with The American Legion Auxiliary and since retiring am now Westchester County President. I also volunteer at the Northern Westchester Community Center and drive for FISH (Friends in Service Helping) where I drive people to medical appointments.



Betty DeGrazia Ellershaw

I was very happy to hear that we, the very 1st graduation class of Westlake High School, 50 years ago, will be honored along with this year's graduating class.

As for me, I attended Berkeley Secretarial School, and was hired by G. H. Walker, a financial institution in White Plains. This company was formed by the family of presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush. The company was purchased by Prudential Securities, and it was there I met my wonderful husband, Joe. After running my branch office, as Operations Manager, after 40+ years, I was "forced" into retirement, as was my husband after the same amount of time in this business. We now spend almost 24/7 together, and still love and like each other.

We have a wonderful son, and many, many, nephews and neices we get to spoil. Looking forward to reuniting with members of the Class of 1964!



Margaret Dodge

After graduation I worked for a short time then attended Berkeley Secretarial School. After graduating I worked for another year then wound up working at IBM for several years - good job & great people (moved several times during the years). I moved into the insurance business in 1974 and have been in that business for 40 years (scary - time flies by without you noticing). I have never been married but have loved and been loved over the years. I have a great brother and sister-in-law and 2 nephews and a niece (like a daughter). They have 5 children and there are 3 great, great nieces who have shared their lives with me. Have 3 furry pets that I adore and am adored back by them. I have wonderful friends that I have made over the last 50 years and continue to keep in touch with them. I have made contact with old friends from High School who I have not seen over the years but have re-connected with and hopefully will stay in my life for the remainder of my days. I have traveled extensively over the years and in 1969 was at Woodstock (was I a hippie).

Looking forward to the reunion to re-connect with old friends that I haven't seen since school and/or my friends that are now back in my life from school that I see on a regular basis.



Paul Dunning

It's been a fun ride these 50 years since our Westlake days. I retired in 2000 after working 30 years as a carpenter for a local school district. My wife of 43 years, Alice, retired in 2008 from her work as a math teacher in the same district. We have 3 great children. Kristin (a math teacher) and her husband Jake have 3 terrific children: Jake 12, Luke 9 and Mikaela 5. Our son Michael (a math teacher) was married last April to Christine (a nurse). Our younger son, Matthew (a Doctor of Physical Therapy) last year bought his first home down the block from his brother and sister. Since we live in West Harrison and all our children live in Valhalla, visiting is very convenient! I enjoy spending time with family locally or at our lake house in the Catskills boating, fishing and relaxing.



Ginger Harrison

Since High School, I worked for BOCES, as Secretary to the Personnel Director, and then moved to Secretary to the Medical Director in the County Home. Next I worked as Secretary to John Kule, Assistant Superintendent, also at the County Home, part of the Westchester Medical Center and later on changed its name to the Ruth Taylor Institute.

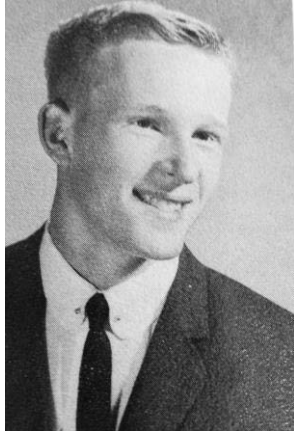
I married my long time best friend Joe, a police officer from Irvington, in 1971; we were blessed with three daughters and then again, so far, blessed with two wonderful son-in-laws and six grandchildren. Kathleen is an Art Teacher in the Irvington School District, her husband David Tetro is an Architect in Yorktown Heights. They have two boys and a girl ages 4 - 8. Jeannette is an Assistant Principal in a school in Humble, Texas. Her husband Derek Sandquist is a Fireman in Houston, Texas. They have 2 girls and a boy ages 10 - 14. Joellen is a Paramedic with Transcare and lives with us.

Since retiring from the County, I started my own businesses, twice. First one was a child care business for approximately 27 years and the second business was Ginger Glass and Crafts, that I started in 2005, and I plan to close it this year. However I will still continue to create "art" in the field of stained glass. I design, cut, and either fuse the glass, making bowls, vases, pendants etc. from Italian glass and Millifiori's or use the Tiffany Style of making panels, lamps votive' s, etc.

In between juggling the stained glass aspect of my life, I have been taking care of three of my grandchildren and will until they reach five and can go to kindergarten. At that point in time the care gets transferred to their Dad, with me on call, as his office is in their home. I also sew extensively, making clothing, quilts and other items. I love to cook and bake and spend as much time with Joe and possible. He is usually right beside me while working with the glass and helping when he can.

Our home has been in Irvington, NY for the past 42 years and we are presently, actively, looking to move. Hopefully by the time of this reunion we will be living in another wonderful place.

Over the years Joe and I, along with the girls, have traveled extensively within the USA. Then later on, went on a few cruises to the Islands. We also traveled to Italy, while our oldest daughter was in Florence studying for her Master's Degree in the field of Art.



James J. Hogan III

I am retired now, from my government job in Westchester County. I was the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Disposal Director for the County from 1988 until my retirement. Prior to that, I was the Recreation and Parks Director for the Town of Mt Pleasant. That was enjoyable, as I frequently worked in conjunction with Mr. Whearty and John Gira. I now volunteer at the local Historical Society and do part time work for the City of New Haven, Public Works Dept. I also restore antiques and do woodworking projects in my spare time. THANKS for the hard work of the reunion committee!



Linda Klingberg Danielson

I retired from teaching Pre-K and now enjoy spending time with my six (6) granddaughters. George and I travel when we can and do volunteer activities to keep busy.



Laura McGee Buonarobo

Most of you know me as Laura McGee. I am excited to be part of the graduation committee and feel proud to be a 50 year graduate of Westlake. I truly believe that our class was unique due to the closeness we all felt for each other.

In the years after high school I raised 2 beautiful daughters, attended Iona College and received my paralegal certificate enabling me to work in the matrimonial law field for 17 years. I am currently working in White Plains part time (I am semi-retired) and am working towards becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children as their voice for their future. I have 3 grandchildren who are amazing and the love of my life and 3 grandchildren from my extended family from my second husband.

Life is good because we still wake up every day and breathe. Life is very short so I believe we need to live it and extend our hands to those in need of friendship and love. God bless.



Teasy Monea King

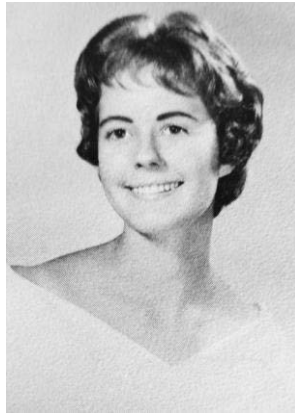
Who would ever believe that after 50 years we would be doing a repeat performance of pomp and circumstance. There's something to be said about history repeating itself.

Growing up in Pleasantville led me to a longtime career of 42 years at the Pleasantville Cottage School (a residential treatment center for children). During that time period I held various positions which included telecommunications coordinator, assistant to the business manager, and retiring in 2011 as a purchasing agent.

For this I owe gratitude to Diana Rivero Regan, our business teacher, who paved the way toward proper business skills.

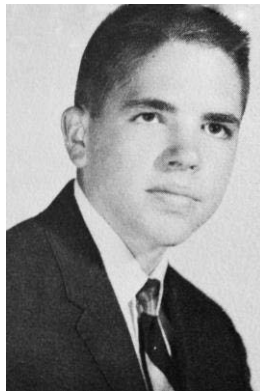
Since 1964 my journey has included marriage to Jim, two children Cheryl and James and 5 loving grandchildren ranging from ages 20 to 12. My love for decorating, antiquing, and travel is a big part of my life since retirement.

Thanks to Laura McGee with her "mighty" efforts in seeking out fellow classmates a group of us have continued an ongoing friendship. Thus a committee for the class of 1964 and 2014 was established. It has been a pleasure to have been a part of going back in time, enjoying the present and looking forward to the future. These are the ties that bind us.....Thanks so much for the memories! Teasy



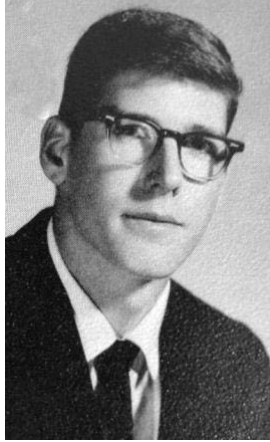
Marcia Morton Sullivan

I am currently living in my house in Palm Desert, CA for the season until it warms up in May. It is currently 82 degrees and I like spending time playing golf, tennis and pickle ball outside. It is great to see all the names listed on the email notice which takes me back to the wonderful years I spent in Thornwood. Normally, it should have been very difficult to begin school at Westlake in my junior year but the students made the transition very easy. What great people you are – I hope to get the opportunity to find out what you have been doing the past 50 years.



Bob (Randy) Naragon

I married my wife, Mimi, in 1977 and we have lived in the same home in Doylestown, PA since then. We have a son, Ryan, who is married to Kristin, and they have a son who was born in 2012; they live outside Boston. Our daughter, Ann, a guidance counselor, is getting married to Will, a former JAG officer, this summer and they live near us. After 42 years of practicing law in Doylestown, first in a large firm and then in my own practice since 1993, I retired (mostly) last June along with Mimi who had been a teacher and then stepped in as my office manager in 1993. I wish the class of '64 all the best!



Randy (Snag) Robinson

I attended and played basketball for Boston University and received a bachelor's degree, majoring in accounting. I served a tour of duty in Viet Nam with the 101st Airborne Division and was awarded an Army Commendation and Bronze Star metals. I have lived in the Boston area and Cape Cod since college, working for several corporations, first in accounting and then in information technology. I spent the last 31 years as a computer programmer for Boston University, retiring last year. I have been happily married for the last 23 years to my wonderful wife Kathy. We have no children but are kept busy by our two rescued bernese mountain dogs. I am enjoying my retirement and finally have time to work on our house, pursue my hobbies, travel and read. Hope to see you all soon.



Jane Roll Brown

My husband of 47 years and I are both retired, live in Victor, NY (small town in western NY outside of Rochester). Have two children who are married with families of their own. We have a total of 5 grandchildren, 4 girls and 1 boy, whose ages range from 7 to 18. As is typical of young families they are pretty busy so we are on the road a lot visiting them. We are also enjoying traveling to places on our bucket list and, this year, to places that have a warmer winter temperature than NY. So many places to see!



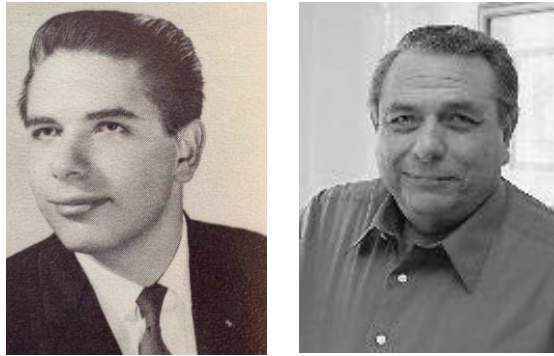
Veronica Scheer

Wow, 50 years! Since our 2010 Reunion, my computer consultant business kept me alive until I reached the magic age of 66! Enter social security income added to my modest pension and voila, semi-retirement. I still design websites and write for my local newspaper, *Citizen News*.

Meanwhile, back at the house, my sister, Claudia, sold her house on the mountain (literally) and built an addition onto my home in Sherman. We now are a proud household of 2 old ladies, 2 cats and 1 dog, Nikki. I am very active in my dog breed club, Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, better known as PBGVCA. I am in the process of redesigning this website for the third time that should debut in the fall (go pbgv.org) - shameless promotion. I am also VP of the Greenwich Kennel Club, which is one of the oldest all-breed American Kennel Club's in my tri-state area. Are you beginning to see a theme...dog, dog, and more dogs.

My sister and I have become snow birds and fly south to Naples, FL in the fall and return sometime in April. Would you believe I actually got tired of seeing sunny days this winter? No snowballs please!

Until our next reunion...Veronica

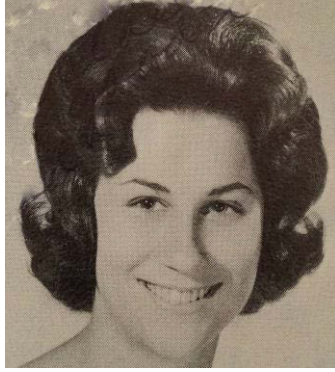


Jim Seacord

Following graduation, I joined the Navy and subsequently went into their nuclear power program. While waiting for nuclear power school I was stationed aboard the USS Wright - a presidential command ship - what an experience that was! After completing nuclear power school and submarine school I was stationed aboard the USS Skate - sister ship to the USS Nautilus. Can you see me operating a nuclear power plant? Scary, right? In 1969 I was on board and helped get the boat ready for an under ice cruise when I had a car accident in New London, CT. After being transferred to the naval hospital in Brooklyn, NY and running into John DeDeminico I married my wonderful wife Pat – and I agree, she is a saint – I don't know how she puts up with me! In 1970 I was transferred to the USS Sea Devil out of Norfolk, VA where I spent the rest of my Navy days and was discharged in December 1971. Pat and I moved back to New York where Pat's father and I owned a private car service for many years before I went to work with 3M. Pat worked for IBM and she ran into many of the Westlake HS gang including Claire Bosse and Joyce Stroub.

During this time we lived in Elmsford and I was involved within the community - Kiwanis, Little League, Fire Department Chief, Patrolman, etc. Most important, and dearest to our hearts, was the fundraising we did for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the US, which is located in Asheville, NC. The Foundation is dedicated to finding the cause and cure of pediatric brain tumors and raises money for research (www.pbtfus.org). It does this through many avenues including motorcycle rides – this is how Pat and I got involved in helping the Foundation. For several years we volunteered, eventually running the local ride in Harriman, NY. In 1997 Pat took a job with the Foundation and we moved to Hendersonville, NC, where we now live. Pat was an integral part of growing the motorcycle rides – known as the Ride for Kids - from 9 rides to over 40 rides when she retired in 2012. I went to work as a parts manager for the local Honda motorcycle dealer and then to a local computer POS (point of sale) company for the next 11 years and retired in 2008.

Our daughter, Tricia Lynne, was born in 1970 and is now an elementary school special ed teacher in Ardsley. She is married and lives in Cortlandt Manor, NY with her husband Pete and two children – Joseph, age 10 and Emily, age 5. Our son James the IV (he hates the IV) was born in 1974. Jimmy is the assistant superintendent of custodial maintenance for Spartanburg School District 5 in Spartanburg, SC. Jimmy is married and lives in Boiling Springs, SC (50 miles away from us) with his wife Patricia and their two sons – Dalton who is about to be 7 and Tyler age 3 1/2.



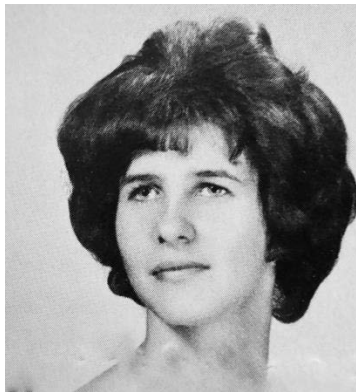
Joyce Stroub Feurer

I have now been married 35 years and have three (3) sons and one (1) grandson. I still work part time in a nursery (trees, etc.). My husband may retire next year, so we may move to an area where the taxes aren't so expensive. Hope all is well with everyone!



Ginny (Thode) Moss

Retired to Southport in 2002 after living in NJ. My husband Bob and I have 2 sons - Rich and Scott are both in NJ. Rich & Jen have Madeline (5) and Danny (2). Bob worked for Exxon/Mobil and we have lived in various places around the US, Canada and overseas.



Marietta Thomas

Personal

Single- never married; Nieces & Nephew's 3 girls 2 boys; Grandnieces & Nephews 6 girls 1 boy

Work History

1964-1966 Realtor in Westchester County; 1966-1986 AT&T in White Plains NY; 1986-1997 AT&T Morristown NJ (retired in October of 1997); 1997-2006 Realtor in Somerset County, NJ

I have lived in Boynton Beach, FL since October 2006. It was Jimmy Hogan's sister, who at the time was a personal supervisor for AT&T that convinced me to seek a job at AT&T and the rest was history.

I spent my entire career in financial operations and worked up the ranks throughout my thirty-one year career. My early clerical functions gave me a tremendous scope of the many departments within the financial structure and key to future positions with the company. Some of my positions were Line/staff supervisor, Human Factors Engineer, System Designer, Manager for Payroll Operations and Quality Manager.

I have many highlights throughout my career, but I think the greatest, was working with the many employees at all levels within the US and the Far East. There were years I would spend more time in other states and countries than at my own home, but the experience will be with me the rest of my life.

Interest/Hobbies

Player/Manager- AT&T soft ball team. (Westchester Industrial League) 20 yrs.; Bowling in up to five leagues a week, and became a semi-pro tournament bowler; Director of the Westchester Women's Bowling Association; Delegate to the Women's international Bowling Congress; Bowled in 31 of our 50 states.

In retirement I love playing golf, swimming and boating. I live within two miles of the ocean and Inter-coastal, and have three pools and golf course in my development.

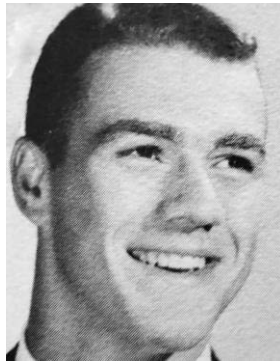
Charity Work

Mentor & group activities at the VA Hospital in Basking Ridge NJ; Food Bank in Somerville NJ Sunshine Kids (Kids with cancer)



Virginia Tota Frank

It's been a busy 50 years. I started working as a dental assistant and ended up working in a museum implementing and promoting educational programs and special events. Between those two jobs, I got involved with fire prevention education (which I am still involved with), coaching sports, psychiatry and social work. I have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. I really appreciate and have fun with each of them. At the present time I am living in Manchester, CT, but have been in the process of finding a home in Mount Pleasant. I still have relatives living in that area Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 50th reunion!



Jim Vanoli

I retired to Old Saybrook, CT in 2012. Became bored and took a job as Site Manager for the Old Saybrook Water Pollution Control Authority. Spend most of my spare time golfing and trap and skeet shooting at the Guilford Sportsmen's Association.



Kaye Boyer



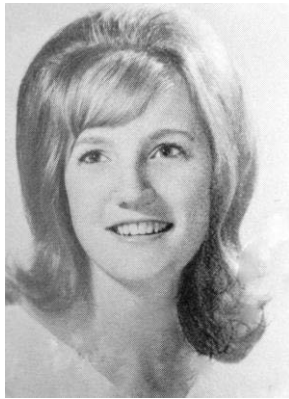
Glenn Carbone



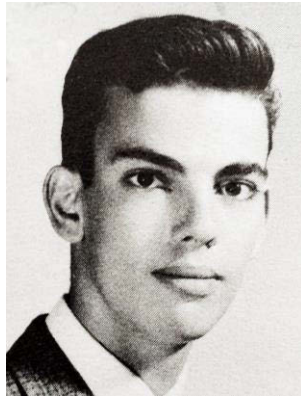
Al Cocco



Betty Gallagher



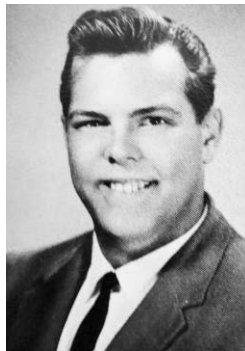
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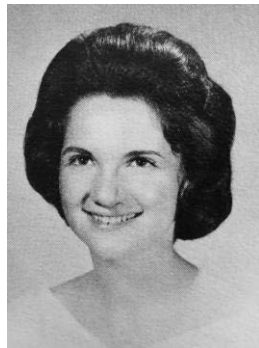
Tony Basile



Tony Torres



Doug Walker



Sue Tooley Walker



Ruth Weismann DeSimone







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In Memoriam

*"Every blade in the field,
Every leaf in the forest
Lays down its life in its season
As beautifully as it was taken up..."*
— Henry David Thoreau

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Richard A. Becker

Robert Bridges

Peter Michael Creedon

Peter Celona

Mark Kovac

Barbara Lear Magrane

Janet Ruby

Kate (Scheel) Carter

Peter Schneckner

Nancy Finucane Sullivan

Kenneth Strusz

Beth Steinfeld Ural

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this historic document and are sorry that not all classmates have gotten their bios into this journal. We apologize if any bios sent in have inadvertently been left out.

For privacy reasons we have tried to leave out all references to phone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses. Should you need to contact a classmate please contact Veronica Scheer and she will obtain the proper authorization for those who want to be contacted and get it to you.





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50 YEARS OF EDUCATION

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1964 AND 2014

