



HAGERSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CLASS
OF
1955

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Dear Classmates:

There was a fantastic turnout for the June Luncheon. The count was approximately 90 - 95 classmates and spouses attending. Two people were there for the first time, Fran Mullendore Darnton from Tucson, Arizona, and Charles Cunningham from Hagerstown. It was good to see Charlie since he had some medical problems earlier this year. John Miller made it in from Colorado (where he said it was snowing when he left, but I don't know whether to believe him or not). Also, Ed Lushbaugh brought a very special guest, Mr. Vernon Smalts. Ray Johns and his wife just got back from four months in the Ukraine. Ray-we sure would like to hear about your trip.

It was so nice of him to attend our luncheon. Understand Janet Valentine Jones is now in rehab at the Washington Co. Hospital and doing well. Our sympathies to Lynn Rice, whose brother Clifford died in an auto accident.

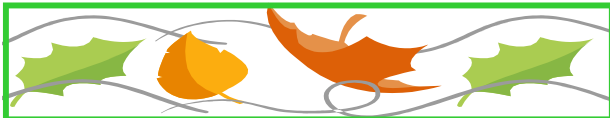
Since the last newsletter, we have lost four dear classmates - Donnie Sprinkle, Charlie Moss, Suzanne Kendall Lecklitner, and Linda McGruer Stull. This is the hardest part of writing this newsletter. My sympathies to each of these families.

The new Spotlight articles are slow in coming in. The guys have sent in articles but what about you gals. It would be nice to hear from you as to what has been happening in your life since 1955.

Hope you all have a great Summer and look forward to seeing you at the September lunch.

Love to all, Petie Klipp Ausherman

Thanks to Dick Forcino, John Wallick, Glenda McElroy Churchey, John Miner, Irene Huyett Owens and Kenneth Fizer for their donations to the Newsletter Fund. Also, Thanks to Ann Carol Youngers Shockey for the stamps. This is what keeps our newsletter rolling out to all our classmates. Thanks a bunch, Petie



The next HHS Class of 55 Luncheon will be held September 4, 2008 at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Waynesboro PA. The cost of the buffet is \$8.75 payable that day. RSVP's are very important, so they can have the room set up for us. If you plan to attend, please email Petie at jausherman@pa.net or call Millie Mullinex Toms at 301-797-5220. See ya in the Fall.

YOU ARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Jesse John Mauk, Jr.

It sure is good to hear about the get togethers and the where about of our many classmates.

Joyce (Carpenter) 1957 and I have been out here in San Diego, CA since 1963. We were sent here by the Navy, and when I retired from the Navy in 1978, (22 years) I turned around and went back with the U S civil service (Navy) and stayed for 25 more years. Now I am retired and I am busier than every, volunteering with our San Diego Police and with the San Diego Sheriffs'. It keeps me out of trouble. Again I say THANKS for a wonderful job WELL DONE. Your 1955 classmate Jess MAUK

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Oscar and Esther Holmes were married July 13, 1957. Classmates, they have been wed for 50 years.



Dick Forcino and his wife celebrated their 51st anniversary this past Valentines Day.

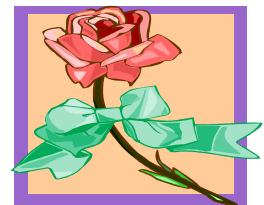


JoAnn Smith Hammond and her husband could not attend the luncheon because they were away celebrating their 23 wedding anniversary.



Johnny Mowen and his wife, Judy, celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2008.

Congratulations





E-mails

PETIE:
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CHANGE! OUR CLASSMATE, CHRLES CUNNINGHAM IS HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL (DOWN THE ROAD) AFTER UNDER GOING HEART BY PASS SURGERY, A COLLAPSED LUNG, AND PROSTATE SURGERY! I TALKED TO HIM TODAY ON THE TELE AND HE WAS OUT WALKING TODAY! HE SOUNDED GOOD AND STRONG! IT IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE, SOMETIMES, JUST HOW DURABLE THE HUMAN BODY CAN BE! HOPE HE CONTINUES TO DO WELL; HE SAID THE DOC SAID THAT HE COULD GO BACK TO WORK AGAIN IN FOUR WEEKS! BOB MANN

Thanks for the good news.

Hi Petie!

I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend the luncheon June 5 at Mountain Gate. Please give everyone my best regards. I'm hoping that next luncheon, in September, I will be able to get there. -- TIME'S A PASSIN'!!

Take care, and thanks again for doing such a fantastic job with contacting everyone. Without a doubt, you are the GLUE that is helping keeping us a nucleus,

Pat (Clark) Stickler

Not the glue just the messenger!

Hi Petie,

Received the "new" class newsletter - I love the new appearance. You did a great job putting it together and I know it was a lot of work. Keeping up with everyone is great! Living in Florida, we don't keep up with many of our high school classmates. Thanks for all you do.

Fondly, Doris Lynch Sanders

I sure enjoy doing the newsletter.

E-Mail tributes to our passing classmates.

Donnie Sprankle

Thanks, Petie.

I saw Donnie at the 50th reunion and emailed or sent a card a time or two when prompted by you. Donnie was one of the guys in grade school. His loss is sad, but Donnie is in a better place now.

Ken Dudley

Hi Petie!

Thanks again for passing on class '55 news. It's a tough job for this part of what you've taken on. Thanks again so much. Donnie surely was one of my favorite classmates.

Pat (Clark) Stickler

Folks, I received this e-mail on April 9th.

Dear friends and relatives, Our daughter-in-law Shelly who is married to Chuck has been diagnosed with Type IV Non-Hodgkin's Follicular Lymphoma. They have two sons 26 months and 8 mos. Currently they are getting opinions and will be seeing another doctor today. It would appear so far, that the protocol that will be used will be Rituxan by intravenous means. There is a more advanced Rituxan that is in clinical trial that is being considered. Keep her in your prayers. Thanks, Willson

Later e-mail.

Dear friends, Patti and I drove out to Belvidere, NJ today to see our grandson, Will get his Junior black belt in Karate. Amber who got her black belt two years ago was elevated today to another level in the junior black belt category (green). They can't be adult black belts until they reach 16 yrs. of age.

Before we left this morning we got a call from Shelly and Chuck. Shelly was hooked up for her first treatment of Rituxian for 8 hours on Friday and although she encountered some reaction it was not unexpected and they quickly corrected it. Her symptoms included breathing problems, head ache and a rash. Yesterday she felt good and was doing very well this morning. She will receive three more treatments for the next three weeks on Fridays. These treatments should take about three hours. Then if all goes well she will wait 8 weeks and

Hopefully it will show the cells in remission and she will need to be monitored every six months, most likely for the rest of her life. If and when more treatments are needed they will be done. As I mentioned there is no real cure for Follicular Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, but hopefully it can be kept in remission.

Since all of you asked to be kept informed, I will let you know of any changes. God bless, Willson

Let's keep Shelly in our prayers

Charlie Moss Charlie was a good friend in High School. He stays in my memory. With Love to all. George Ervin

Petie:

Thanks so much for keeping us up on the news, both happy and sad. Since I don't get the Hagerstown paper, I usually don't know of these things. I grew up with Charlie, and attended the same church as his family (at least thru high school). His folks were wonderful and beautiful people.

Thanks again. Gladys Ridge

Hi Petie,

I just got back from a little trip up to Statesville and had lunch with Bill Biggs, Bill & Sally Sullivan - kind of a mini HHS Luncheon.

Everybody seems to be doing fine and we had a great time talking about the good old days. The Sullivan's visiting their daughter up in Elkin and Bill drove over from Lenoir and I zoomed up from Charlotte. Just like the HHS Luncheon, the time just went by too fast.

Bill Biggs and I planning to do the trip up in September for that luncheon and trying to talk the Sullivan's into making the trip up to join everybody.

Best wishes to you and all of the gang!! Ned Crawford

Hope the Sullivan's can make September. Always look forward to seeing the folks from the South!!!!

Petie: I thought I could find an address for Claudia (Toy) Strite Brownell but I haven't. She was teaching in Staunton, VA back in the 1990's. If the North HHS class of 1957 has a list, her brother Samuel (Tag) Strite, Jr. might be located. I think he was in that class.

Thanks for all you are doing for our class. John Reynolds

Was unable to locate her brother, if anyone has info let me know.

Update on the 2009 Florida Reunion.

You need to correct the dates of our Florida reunion. When I was making arrangements I discovered that is Super Bowl weekend and it is being played in Tampa. Accommodations around here would run \$65 to \$100 more a night that weekend because Orlando gets the overflow. I try and keep our event reasonably price so I moved the HHS In Florida weekend to January 23,24 and 25. MF Kershner

Thank you so very much for the copy of the newsletter and also the web address. Believe me I spent a lot of time looking at all the info, it was wonderful and brought back a lot of memories, some of which I had long forgot. My how time does mellow one. And when I looked at some of the pictures I laughed at myself when I wondered who were all those "old" faces looking back at me because I knew I "could not" look like that to folks who were looking at me. You really are doing a wonderful job keeping up on all of us and I really hope that one day before I pass on that I will be able to get together with you all.

Love, Betty Clary Chauvin

Sure would be nice to see you too.

To contact me:

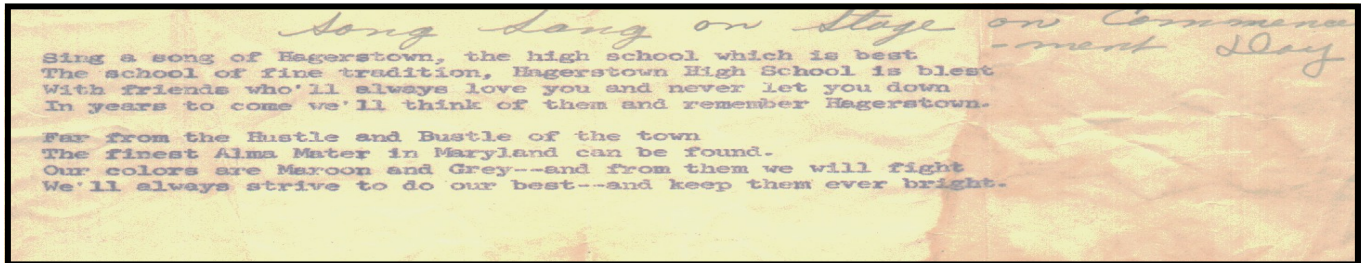
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More E-mails

Petie, Patti and I were going through some old stuff we have and I ran into the attached. Do you remember singing this on commencement day with typo and all? Thought it may bring back memories of that time. Willson

Do you remember? Can't say that I do, had other things on my mind that day. Petie



I have received this many times and want to share. Petie

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,
Before the days of Dylan, or the dawn of Camelot.
There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me,
For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born,
Where navels were for oranges, and Peyton Place was porn.
We learned to gut a muffler, we washed our hair at dawn,
We spread our crinolines to dry in circles on the lawn.
We longed for love and romance, and waited for our Prince,
And Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him since.
We danced to 'Little Darlin,' and sang to 'Stagger Lee'
And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me Me.
Only girls wore earrings then, and 3 was one too many,
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Jean McKinney.
And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see
A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me Me.
We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,
And when they made a movie, they never made it twice.
We didn't have a Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three,
Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me Me.
Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,
And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp.
We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,
And Oprah couldn't talk, yet, in the Land That Made Me Me.
We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go,
At least not Bobby Darin, or Marilyn Monroe.
For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be,
And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me Me.
We'd never seen the rock band that was Grateful to be Dead,
And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson, and Zeppelins were not Led.
And Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in trees,
Madonna was a virgin in the Land That Made Me Me.
We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars,
And babies might be bottle-fed, but they weren't grown in jars.
And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free,
And dorms were never coed in the Land That Made Me Me.
We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag,
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.
And Hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea,
And rocket ships were fiction in the Land That Made Me Me.
Buicks came with portholes, and side shows came with freaks,
And bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks.
And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee,
And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me Me.
We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues,

Hi Petie.....

I too echo the praises of many others on the great job you're doing with the newsletter. Regretfully I don't live closer to more frequently attend the luncheons, but am marking my calendar each year for the September event.

Each year that I'm a year older I try to review the things I've learned for as they say, "You're never too old to learn." You may share these if you wish.

Thanks again for what you do!

Don Frank

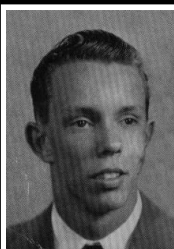
Spartanburg, SC

THINGS LEARNED in 2007

- * Golf, unlike wine, doesn't improve with age!
- * A fancy new hi-tech putter misses the hole closer than the old one.
- * A plan to stain the exterior of a house in two weeks actually takes over two months.
- * Removal of a huge dead oak tree is half the cost of a new roof.
- * A do-it-yourself plumbing project can result in a phone call to a plumber.
- * The cost to repair a damaged fender on a 2000 Ford Crown Vic is about the same as purchasing a new VW bug in 1964.
- * A rental car with GPS doesn't identify German police officers with a radar gun hiding on the side of a road on a dark night.
- * German police officers collect speeding fines on-the-spot. They speak English, too!
- * We now understand the difference between "broadband" and "dial up" internet services.
- * Book Fair planners at elementary schools schedule their events during "Grandparents Week".

We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea
Or prime-time ads for condoms in the Land That Made Me Me.
There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill,
And fish were not called Wanda, and cats were not called Bill.
And middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three, And ancient
were our parents in the Land That Made Me Me.
But all things have a season, or so we've heard them say,
And now instead of Maybelline we swear by Retin-A.
They send us invitations to join AARP,
We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me Me.

So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,
And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines.
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,
Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me Me.
*For those of you to young to remember Bob Hope, ask your Grand-
parents!!! And thanks for the memories...*



DONALD L. SPRANKLE, 70

MAY 16, 1937 - APRIL 12, 2008

Donald Lee Sprankle, 70, of Hagerstown, passed away in the company of family members on April 12, 2008.

Born on May 16, 1937, in Hagerstown, he was the son of the late Albert Guy and Hilda Mae (Bricker) Sprankle.

He was of Christian faith.

Donnie was a 1955 graduate of Hagerstown High School.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He retired from CSX after 42 years of service.

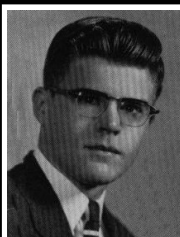
His hobbies included model railroading and gardening.

He was a member of the Jaycees, Housing Board of Appeals, charter member of Little Heiskel Ski Club, Pioneer Hook and Ladder and American Legion Post 42.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Rose I. Sprankle; sons, Patrick A. Sprankle of Woodway, Texas, and Jon K. Sprankle of Hagerstown; grandchildren, Corry J., Dyllan J. and Baylee K. Sprankle, all of Hagerstown. He is also survived by his furry companion, Nickie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Norma Jean Sprankle and Patricia Diane Hunter; and a brother, Robert E. Sprankle.

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 3, 2008, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Rest Haven Funeral Chapel, 1601 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown. Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of Washington County, 13011 Maugansville Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740; and Hospice of Washington County, 747 Northern Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742.



CHARLES D. MOSS, 70

AUG. 4, 1937- MARCH 27, 2008

Charles David Moss, 70, of Hagerstown, Md., died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown.

Born Aug. 4, 1937, in Hagerstown, he was the son of the late Wilmer D. and Margaret Virginia (Ditmer) Moss. He was the husband of 43 years to Bonnie Lou (Laign) Moss of Hagerstown.

Charles graduated from Hagerstown High School in the class of 1955. He was a purchasing/procurement officer for Fairchild Industries and later Rohr Industries for more than 20 years. He was currently employed with Crist Instrument, Hagerstown, where he was a purchaser for the past five years.

Charles was a past member of the Hagerstown Jaycees and a current member of the BPOE Lodge 378, Hagerstown, for the past 17 years.

Charles is survived by his wife and their daughter, Selena A. Luther of Hagerstown.

The Hagerstown Elks Lodge 378 will begin the memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Gerald N. Minnich Funeral Home, 305 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown. The Rev. Nancy L. Green will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 N. Halsted St., Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60622; or the Humane Society of Washington County, 13011 Maugansville Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

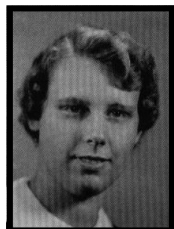
The Gerald N. Minnich Funeral Home, Bryan K. Kenworthy P.A., 305 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, has been entrusted with the arrangements April 5, 2008, at the funeral home.



SUZANNE KENDALL LECKLITNER, 70

Her married name was Lecklitrne. Suzanne D. Kendall married [Alan Lecklitrne](#). She was born on 26 March 1937. She died on 30 January 2008 at age 70; Suzanne Lecklitrne was born March 26, 1937 in Hagerstown, MD and passed away January 30, 2008 in Plano, TX. She is survived by Alan her husband of 41 yrs: her children Heidi (Peter), Scott (Michelle) and Julie (Lee); and grandchildren Wyatt, Madeline and Blake. After serving 10 years as an Army Registered Nurse, Suzanne was a 16 year resident of Copperas Cove where she raised her 3 children, all Copperas Cove High School graduates, and worked as a realtor where she continued life-long friendships with her coworkers. She lived in Plano Texas for 13 yrs. Where she enjoyed working as a makeup consultant for a department store. During her brief 3 years of retirement, she focused her energy on visits with her children and grand children and reading. Suzanne had an infectious sense of humor and quick wit which she used often much to the delight of family and friends. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday February 5, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Allen Family Funeral Options, 2120 West Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75023, (972) 596-8200. A committal service will be held at DFW National Cemetery following the Memorial Service In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to be made to Diabetes Research Wellness Foundation.

www.diabeteswellness.net



Linda J. Stull, 70

JUNE 23, 1937-JUNE 10, 2008

Linda J. Stull, 70, of 20014 Rosebank Way, Hagerstown, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Reeders Memorial Home in Boonsboro. Born June 23, 1937, in Paw Paw, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Franklin Lindsay McGruer and Jane Jean Grant McGruer. She was preceded in death by her birth parents, George L. Corbett and Madge Shives Corbett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin David Stull Jr., in 1993. She was a graduate of Hagerstown High School. She was employed by the Washington County Commission on Aging. She is survived by one daughter, Cheryl A. Cogar of Hagerstown; one son, Robert L. Cogar of Williamsport; two sisters, Lana Patton of Williamsport and Hallie Fleegle of Hancock; seven brothers, Terry Corbett and Donnie Corbett, both of Hagerstown, Jim Corbett of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., George Corbett of Paw Paw, William Corbett of Delaware, Roger Corbett of McConnellsburg, Pa., and Ronnie Corbett of Hancock; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her stepmother, Loretta Corbett of Frederick, Md. She was preceded in death by one son, Allen K. Cogar; two sisters, Wava Hoopen-gardner and Juanita Peters; and two brothers, Bob Corbett and Paul Corbett. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Andrew K. Coffman Funeral Home in Hagerstown. The Rev. Dean P. Pryor will officiate. Burial will be in Rest Haven Cemetery. The family will receive friends today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

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