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OF
1955**

HAGERSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello Classmates: As many of you know, I have moved since the last newsletter and let me tell you I survived barely!!! What a job, we had 44 years in the home we left and we had 44 years of junk!! It is crazy what you find when you go to pack up, a lifetime of memories, some good, some bad, and some just plain crazy. Why did we keep all this stuff? Well we got through it and are very happy in our new home.

The September luncheon of the Class of 1955 was a huge success. We had 93 in attendance and some new faces. Don Larson and his wife, came from Florida.. Back in March of last year, Don was on our missing list and thanks to John Reynolds, Don was found. We had a nice visit with him and his wife. (Pictures later). Also, Terry Bryan was visiting from Florida. I had not seen Terry since graduation and we had such a good visit. Terry, Wells Ridenour, and Marion Brandenburg Reno and I talked for a long time about our time at Antietam Street Elementary School. We discussed teachers and the separated playgrounds, one for boys and one for girls. Can you believe it!!!! Also, we remembered the May Day programs and May pole, we sure worked hard to get it right. Some where in my collection of pictures I have a picture of the May Pole. Some day I will try to find it. Also, it was a delight to see Larry Powell and his wife Shirley. I had never met Shirley but felt like we were old friends after corresponding with her so much during Larry recent health issues. I am happy to say Larry is well on the road to recovery, a little thinner, but the same jovial, smiley person he was in school. Enjoyed talking with both Larry and Shirley. Some of the boys from the south, Bill Biggs and Bill Sullivan & his wife were in attendance. There were so many dear friends at the luncheon and there was not enough time to talk with everyone. I talked so much I almost lost my voice. Kevin Sullivan (Gladys Vance's husband and brother to Bill Sullivan) donated a beautiful lighted birdhouse to be raffled and Beverly Eckel Durst donated a coffee mug featuring a picture of

the old HHS and a piece of the brick from the school that we raffled. We collected \$125.00 for the Newsletter Fund. John Miner won the birdhouse and Larry Powell won the mug and brick. Thanks to all who participated in this raffle. This will keep the Newsletter going out to everyone in the class. I mail 200 copies and email about 135 newsletters each quarter. The biggest cost is the printing and stamps. Gary Scott has been very generous and keeping me in envelopes. With this collection I can keep the letter coming.

I was told at the luncheon that Kenny Brining is having some health issues. His address for cards is: 11540 Selema Dr. Apt 4 Hagerstown MD 21742 . Also, Gary Scott's wife Joan, fell and broke both her legs. Gary's address is: 1125 Walnut Street Hanover PA 17331. Also, Marvin Twigg has been moved to Emeritus At Hagestown, 20009 Rosebank Way, Hagerstown MD 21742. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Well until we meet again, I wish you all a safe Halloween (watch out for the witch) and a very Happy Thanksgiving. Look forward to seeing you at the December 5th Luncheon at which time we will be taking up a collection for the Salvation Army to give the less fortunate a great holiday.

Your friend and classmate,
Petie Klipp Ausherman



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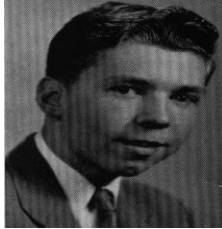
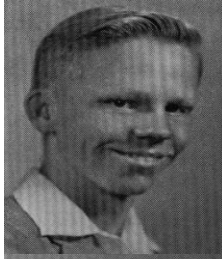
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PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2013 LUNCHEON.



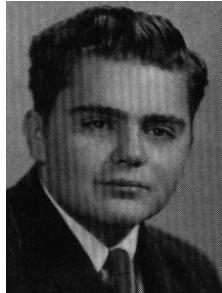
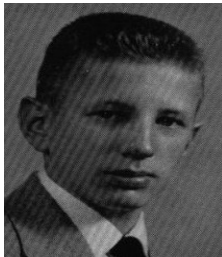
Don & Carol Larson visiting from Florida.



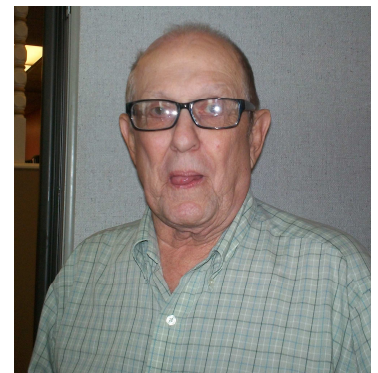
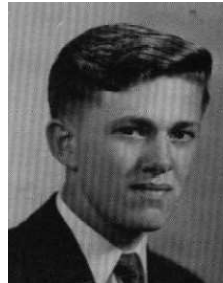
Fran Little & Don discussing Ham Radios!!!!



And the winner is John Miner!!! Thanks Kevin Sullivan for donating the lighted birdhouse you made.



And the second winner, the one and only Larry Powell!!! Thanks Beverly Eckel Durst for the Mug & Brick donation.



And last but not least, Terry Bryan from Casselberry Florida. It was great seeing you again.

HHS CLASS OF 1955 LUNCHEON
December 5, 2013 11:30 AM

88 Spices Inc. Waynesboro PA
(Formerly Mountain Gate
Restaurant)

10530 Buchanan Trail East

RSVP's are very important!!!

Email Petie jausherman@pa.net

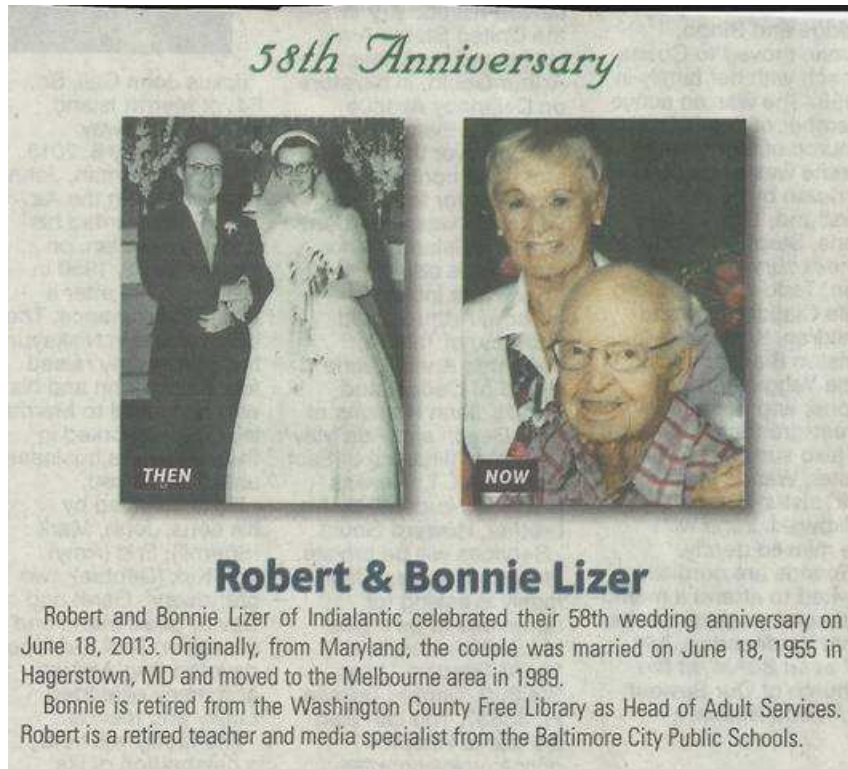
Or call Millie Mullinex Toms 301-797-5220



I included Graduation pictures, so you would know who they are!!!!



Received this article from Bonnie Sowers Lizer, it was in the Florida Today



Looking good Bonnie, you just don't age a bit. Robert & Bonnie's address is: 877 N. Highway A1A #1101, Indialantic FL 32903

I received the following email from Jim, Ann Branch McKellips husband. I then asked for Ann's address (she is in a nursing home and has been for awhile) and he sent the second email. Let's send Ann some cards. Jim has told me he takes the newsletter and reads it to her and she enjoys it so much. Petie

Hi Petie,

It has been a while since I have talk with you. I saw her the other day and brought my camera along. I was lucky enough to find someone who was will to take our picture with it. Please find attached.

Hope your move went well and you have recovered from it. Regards, Jim McKellips for Ann Branch McKellips

From: pausherman

To: 'Ann McKellips'

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 11:15 PM

Subject: RE: Back in Service - new email address

That is a beautiful picture. I will publish it in the September newsletter as Ann's friend ask about her. Please send me an address that they can send cards. I am finally recovering from our move but still don't know where I put stuff. I guess that is natural. Take care and keep in touch.

Her address is: Ann Branch McKellips

c/o Medical Care Center

2200 Landover Place

Lynchburg, VA 24501

She would be delighted to get mail!

Hi Petie,

Here is some sad news but also good news. Thanks to a barking dog and a wonderful neighbor, my brother, Bob Keplinger, escaped the fire that swept through his home in Halfway last Sat. night. Though a shell of his brick house still stands, he pretty much has lost everything from either fire, smoke, or water damage. But he escaped unharmed when the neighbor's dog would not stop barking and the neighbor went to check on why, only to be confronted with a raging fire. He pounded on my brother's doors until he could get Bob out.

Sorry I've not been able to attend a luncheon for awhile. I surely miss seeing many of my HS classmates but I read every word you send about the Class of 55. Thanks for all you have done to keep us in communication. Janet Keplinger Cyzyk

So sorry to hear about your brother's loss. He was lucky to escape unharmed. We miss you at our luncheons but will try to fill you in on the happenings. Take care Petie

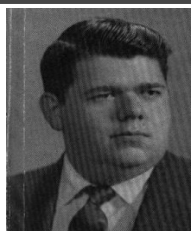


I know what you mean about finding things Ann had her stroke before we had a chance to fully unpack. I have been recently cleaning things, now that I am feeling better from my bout with mouth cancer. I am finding things that I had forgotten we even had! Best of luck. Regards, Jim McKellips

Let's get the card flying to Lynchburg VA!!!!!!

In Sympathy

Below are our sympathy items for this issue and they all sadden each of us. Within our class, each one of us knew all or some of these people and were connected to them in some special way. Each loss is a loss of a piece of many of us, we had some great memories of each of these people.



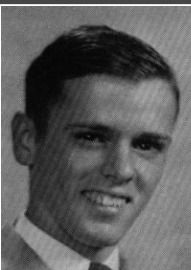
William Rhodes (Bill) Iseminger, 76, of Funkstown, Md., died on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. He began working at Mack Trucks in 1968, he retired in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Iseminger; three daughters; one son. Wife, Shirley's address is P O Box 455, Funkstown MD 21734.

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Dorothy Mae "Dottie" Wilt, 76, of Mapleville Road in Boonsboro, Md., passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at her home. She was a graduate of Hagerstown High School. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Glenn D. Wilt, four daughters and one son: 2 brothers. A memorial service was held July 19, 2013. Memorial donations may be made in memory of Dottie to Rehoboth United Methodist Church, 30 E. Salisbury St., Williamsport, MD 21795. Husband Glenn's address is 8303 Mapleville Road, Boonsboro MD 21713

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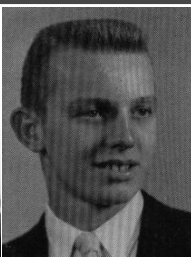
David F. Duffey, 75, of Hagerstown, Md., entered into eternal rest on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at his home. Dave graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1955, and attended Hagerstown Junior College. He was employed by Mack Trucks for 32 years before retirement in 1994. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barbara. Also surviving are three daughters. As was Dave's wish, his body was donated to science for medical research. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 22, 2013. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Washington County; or to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Barbara's address is 12986 Hyden Circle, Hagerstown MD 21742

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Isabella Baer Fox's sister, Lorraine Ellen (Baer) Reid, 83, passed away June 12, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer. Isabella's address is 3445 Buchanan Trail West, Greencastle, PA 17225

Hugh Snively's wife, Alice passed away July 28, 2013. She is survived by her husband, children, Danielle and Joshua Riley. In lieu of flowers or other tributes, Alice requested that contributions be made to the charity of your choice in her name. Hugh's 1500 Fairview Beach Road, Pasadena MD 21122



George Albert "Al" Fockler, 75, of 15715 National Pike, Hagerstown, Md., passed away Thursday, June 20, 2013, at Williamsport Retirement Village. He graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1955. He was employed with Leroy E. Myers Masonry for 27 years and later retired from the the Maryland Department of Corrections after 21 years. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou (Starlipper) Fockler; 4 sons, Services were held June 24, 2013. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's UCC, P.O. Box 157, Clear Spring, MD 21722; or Wilson Ruritan Club, 16204 National Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Betty Lou's address is 15715 National Pike, Hagerstown MD 21740

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Nancy Jones Baker's son, Harry Samuel Baker, 51, of Hagerstown died Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at his home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. *Nancy is presently in a Nursing Home in Knoxville Tennessee. Address is Beverly Park Place, 5321 Beverly Park Circle, Knoxville TN 37918.*

Joann Miller Viands' sister, Alice S. Edwards, passed away on August 9th in New Bern, N.C. From complications of surgery. Joann's address is 16616 Tammany Manor Road, Wil-

Robert (Bob) Fuss' sister, Mary L. Rummel of Hagerstown passed away on August 29 after a 3 year battle with breast cancer. Robert's address is 501 Wild Rose Lane, Brandon MS 39047