



**CLASS  
OF  
1955**

# HAGERSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Classmates: It sure has been a long, long Winter here is Waynesboro. I am so ready for Spring and imagine a lot of you are also. It made it seem longer since we were unable to have our December luncheon and I missed visiting with all of you. Since we did not meet in December we moved the Salvation Army collection to the March meeting. I am happy to say we donated \$559.25 to the Salvation Army in Hagerstown in the name of the Hagerstown High School Class of 1955. Thanks to all for you donation..

We had a good turn out for the luncheon, 88 people attended. This is the first time for the Keystone Family Restaurant, which is the same place we have been going to, just a name change and change of ownership . The food was delicious and the service great and the conversation was fantastic. Our next luncheon will be June 5, 2014, make plans now to attend. Also, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the HHS 55 Newsletter Fund. That is the only way I can keep this newsletter coming out to you. Again, let me remind you, if you move, let me know you new address. I have several letters return with no forwarding address. Don't forget!!!

If you have anything to put in the newsletter, please send it to me.

May you have a joyous Spring and your Easter basket be full of goodies, especially Chocolate!!

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PS: Grandma needs to brag a little, here is my newest Great-Grandson, Archer Welty. My arms and heart are full again.



## **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**

If you have moved and/or have a change of address, phone #, and/or email address, please let me know. I have sent out some newsletters and they have been returned - address unknown. I know when you move there are a lot of places you need to change your address but please remember me, so you don't miss all the HHS Class of 55 news!!!! Thanks.

Also, if you know someone who is need prayers or cheer, let me know and we will get them flowing. It sure makes a person feel a lot better when they know we care.

## **1955 INTERESTING FACTS**

- President - Dwight Eisenhower
- Vice President - Richard Nixon
- Miss America - Lee Meriwether (California)
- Life Expectancy - 69.6 years
- H & R Block founded in Kansas City
- Bill Haley and the Comets' "Rock Around the Clock" hit # 1
- Movie star James Dean dies in car crash, age 24.
- President Eisenhower increases the minimum wage to \$1 per hour.

## **HHS CLASS OF 1955 INFORMATION GUIDE**

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*Let's get the cards  
and prayers flowing.*

**Floyd Kline's** wife Doris fell and broke her hip at Christmas. She is now home but still doing therapy. Their address is 801 Florida Avenue, Hagerstown MD 21740

**Dick Anthony's** wife Louise fell and broke her hip and is now at the Williamsport Nursing Home, Room 1206, 154 Artizan Street, Williamsport, MD 21795

**JoAnn Green Brenner** is having a problem with her shoulder and is presently at Reeder's Nursing Home, 141 S Main Street, Boonsboro MD 21713.

**Joan Myers Miller** was unable to attend the luncheon because she fell and was having trouble with her legs and shoulder. Her mailing address is 5680 Barberry Court, Frederick MD 21703

**Peggy Barnes Koontz**—as reported in the last newsletter, Peggy underwent breast cancer surgery in November and is presently undergoing radiation treatments. Her home address is 10659 Bower Avenue, Williamsport MD 21795

**Dottie Hopkins Jones** had surgery in February and is recuperating at home. Her address is 1181 Wayne Avenue, Hagerstown MD 21742.

Received this email from **Larry Powell's wife Shirley**: Larry will be having his gall bladder removed at Hopkins later this month (March). It should not be a big deal compared to what he has been through. Hope to see you in June. Larry's address is 2301 Taylor Avenue, Huntingdon PA 16652. *We look forward to seeing you both.*

Also received an email from **Virginia Hudson Bowers'** husband Bob (Class of 56): Just to let you know, Virginia has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Prayers are requested. Virginia's address is 10917 Larch Avenue, Hagerstown MD 21740.

As reported in the June 2013 newsletter, **Marvin Twigg** has been transferred to Emeritus at Hagerstown, 20009 Rosebank Way Hagerstown, MD

*Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you and hope you get well real soon. If I have missed anyone, I apologize as I only write what I receive. If you know of someone who needs some cheer, please let me know. Petie*



**Mr. and Mrs. Floyd "Buck" Smith**, formerly of Hagerstown, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, in early December. They had a small family celebration later in the month with grandchildren

coming in from Pennsylvania, Utah and Minnesota. Buck and Gloria (Rohrer) Smith, who now reside in Frostproof, Fla., were married Dec. 31, 1953. Buck retired from St.

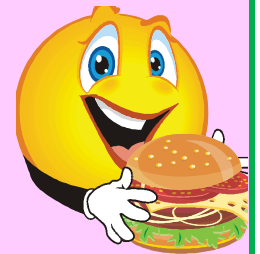
Lawrence Cement in 1998 after 35 years of employment. Gloria taught at Heritage Academy for 14 years before becoming the director of the Hagerstown Crisis Pregnancy Center where she served for 12 years.

In 2003, the couple moved to Florida where Buck enjoys playing golf. Gloria now volunteers in the office of the First Baptist Church of Frostproof and at the Frostproof Elementary School.

*Congratulations! I received a card from Gloria after sending out one of the newsletters and she informed me that it is not always frostproof in Frostproof. Her mailing address is 444 Hamlin Loop, Frostproof FL 33843. Congratulations you two and may you have many, many more.*

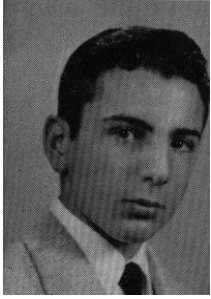
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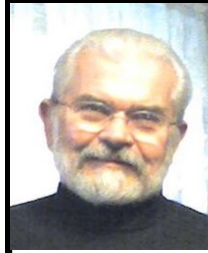
## OBITUARIES



### **Joseph L. Gervasio**

Long-time resident of Cudahy, Wisconsin. Joe passed away at home on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 from complications stemming from his battle against cancer at the age of 77 years. He is survived by his children: Peter (Tracey) Gervasio, Monique (Denise) Nimphius, Michell Christofferson and Joseph, Stephen and

Andrew Gervasio and 21 grandchildren. Further survived by his good friend, Diane Weber. Joe retired after 40 years from the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserves with the rank of MSgt. He worked part-time at Authentic Automotive in Cudahy. Graveside service were held Friday, October 4. *After sending out the December newsletter, I received an email from Joe's Monique regarding his passing. I had not had any contact with Joe since graduation. Monique was getting his mail and got my address from the newsletter. I will always remember Joe because he was my graduation ceremony partner and had me laughing the whole time. Petite*



**MELVIN EUGENE ROSE, 77**, of Hagerstown MD, passed away Friday, January 24, 2014 at his home.

Born March 11, 1936, in Washington County, MD, Melvin was employed with Western Maryland

Railroad for 8 years, then retired in 1991 from Mack Truck after 29 ½ years.

Melvin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Phyllis Rose; two daughters; two sons; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 28, 11am, at Rose Hill Cemetery, 600 S. Potomac St, Hagerstown, MD.

*I received word that Melvin Rose went to school with some of our members but did not graduate with us. He is listed in the 1953 yearbook as a member of the Class of 1955.*



**Sandra Healey Forbes, 75** of Mercersburg, Pa. passed away Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at her home. Born Jan. 26, 1938, in Waynesboro, Va., she was the daughter of the late Ralph M. and Pauline Gluck Healey. Sandra grad-

uated from Hagerstown (Md.) High School in 1955, and Hagerstown Junior College in 1978. She retired as a registered nurse. Sandra is survived by her husband, William C. Forbes; two daughters; two sons; two stepdaughters; one stepson; one sister; one stepbrother; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, Jan. 24, 2014, at 4 p.m. at Elks Lodge 378. Donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown, MD 21740; or a charity of one's choice.

*Sandy will be greatly missed by all of us. She did so much to help with the last Class Reunion and we will all miss her. Out sympathies to the family.*

**Bonnie Sowers Lizer's** husband, Robert Lizer, passed away on November 28. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to National Parkinson's Association, 1359 Broadway Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018. The ashes will be entombed in a national cemetery. A celebration of life service will be held in Florida after the first of the year. Bonnie's address is **877 N Highway AIA # 1101, Indialantic FL 32903.**

**Connie Nugent Burkett's** husband, Richard Burkett passed away last Friday, November 30th 2013. **Connie's address is 312 Nottingham Road, Hagerstown MD 21740.**

**Donna Pressel Giffin's** son, Robert Giffin, 57, of Rawlings, Md., passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013, in Cumberland, Md. He was the son of the late Lewis (Sonny) Giffin (Class of 1954) and Donna Grace Giffin. **Donna's address is 18923 MCMullen Hwy. SW, Rawlings MD 21557.**

**Phil Bowers'** wife, Rachel Theo Bowers, 76, of Hagerstown, Md., passed from this life Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, at Meritus Medical Center after a long illness. **Phil's address is 18612 Dixie Circle, Hagerstown MD 21742**

**Dean Burkett's** sister Jane Burkett Bowman passed away on January 16, 2014. **Dean's address : 9340 Downsville Pike, Williamsport MD 21795**

