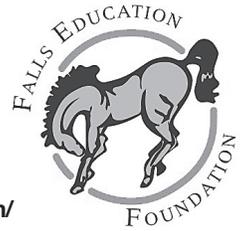


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A BOAT NAMED 'JON'

FEF to auction off handcrafted boat built by local shop teachers

By Whitney Jackson

A dream of a local International Falls man who passed away in 2016 has finally come to fruition.

Former Falls High School woodshop teacher Jon Knutson had a 5-year-plan to build a faering-like rowboat, however he died of cancer three years into his project.



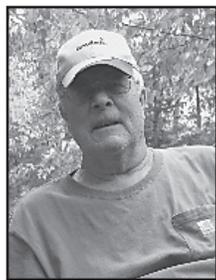
Jon Knutson's boat is a work in progress in 2014.

"Jon lived three years into that plan and got a good start on it," said Florence Knutson (FHS 1947), Jon's wife. "You wouldn't believe the projects he had – he skipped from one to another."

Jon not only liked to build boats – including sail boats and canoes – but also guitars, stained glass lamps and furniture.

But thanks to another local International Falls man, Jon's project did not go unfinished.

Former Falls Junior High School teacher William 'Huntz' Wagner (FHS 1952) took on the project to finish the boat, later to be named "Jon." Wagner taught at 'Old Falls High' for 15 years.



Jon Knutson smiles for the camera in 2015.

"I think that was marvelous," said Florence of Huntz finishing Jon's vision for the boat. "(I) had no idea what would happen because it was in Jon's shop... (but) Huntz took over."

"Jon built boats, mainly canoes, in the high school in class with the kids, I knew he was building boats, he was a woodworking specialist," said Wagner, who added that the two crossed paths many times. "(After Jon passed away), Florence called me and asked if I

wanted it – (she) didn't say anything about completing it. I figured I'll take this boat and I'll complete it, not knowing what he really wanted..."

But now the Falls Education Foundation will benefit from the boat's completion, which is what Wagner wanted a year ago when he took the project on, he said.

The handcrafted wooden rowboat will be auctioned live on the FEF website, with bidding open on June 15, 2019 and closing July 15, 2019. If interested in bidding, watch for details by visiting the FEF website at www.fallseducationfoundation.com or FEF Facebook page.

The boat was built by two of International Falls' finest, said

FEF staff, and was built for many years of enjoyment.

Bidding dollars will go to FEF and will support programs at Independent School District 361.

The fact that FEF will benefit from the boat's completion is great, said Florence.

"This is in honor of Jon Knutson, specifically, not Huntz Wagner," Wagner said. "It's a tribute to industrial arts people for school district 361. There weren't very many shop teachers and Jon was one and we were a very close knit group. Students should take shop when they can. We have some great industrial arts teachers in the high school."

Questions about the boat or the live auction can be directed to Tom Worth at 218-240-1080 or emailed to fallsedfoundation@gmail.com.

More information

A faering is a clinked (lapstrake) boat which is pointed at both ends, with no transom. A normal faering means a boat with four oars.

Wagner's faering-like boat is 16-feet-long with a 58-inch beam and one set of oars with hardware. The strakes are pine and the keel is metal faced. It is painted and has varnished seats - a very unique, Scandinavian-style rowboat. It is made for one person rowing.



Huntz Wagner named the finished boat "Jon."

This is a boat, patterned after two Norwegian men who in 1897 paddled a boat from New York to England, oaring it, in 55 days, explained Wagner. The record for the way they did it lasted for 114 years, however, during their journey they did capsize once, were later rescued and then continued on. The men later paddled to Paris.

"Jon was a Norwegian so I named the boat Jon – I really didn't know what it was going to be," said Wagner. "The important thing is to show people that they can do things with their hands and with their hands they have a lot of power to construct things, figure out things...This was built with just hand tools. It's an indication that we can do a lot with our hands that we didn't think we could do. I was lucky I had Jon Knutson to get it started for me."



Huntz Wagner shows the boat to Florence Knutson in his garage.

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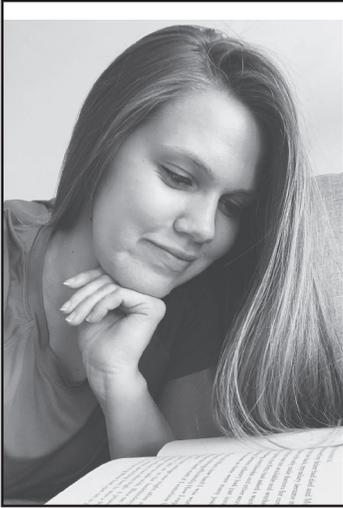
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GREETINGS, ALUMNI!



Whitney's first book of the summer is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

After a long, cold, and snowy winter, it feels refreshing to be on the precipice of summer once again.

As always, I'd like to know what you're up to for the next couple months – fishing on Rainy Lake? Reminiscing with friends at a class reunion? Feel free to write in and tell me!

Change is on the horizon for me as in April I left The Journal in International Falls to accept a job in communications in the Maple Grove, MN area at an engineering firm. While my time at The Journal may be done, I still will act as editor of the alumni newsletter for as long as I can.

Leaving my family and 11-year-old dog Dixie up north has been difficult but I'm excited for the new adventures ahead.

What new adventures did you embark on in your younger years alumni? Or perhaps you're planning an adventure that is quickly approaching?

The deadline to submit for the next newsletter is August 31 – I can't wait to read your submissions!

Best,
Whitney Jackson, Editor
fhsalumninews@gmail.com

*Those who have brought their alumni newsletter submissions to The Journal in the past should email them to me at fhsalumninews@gmail.com or mail them to P.O. Box 933, International Falls, MN 56649.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTANT DONNA HODEL RETIRES AFTER 71 YEARS

By Whitney Jackson
Reprinted from The Journal

Silence ensued April 9 when Koochiching County Board Acting Chair Kevin Adee asked who was going to approve the employment separation of Koochiching County Highway Accountant Donna Hodel.

Hodel, who was retiring after 71 years of service, only laughed.

Following the eventual approval of her separation from her position, Hodel received what she called "goodies" for her years of service and dedication, including a letter and certificate of recognition from the county board, a letter and plaque from the Minnesota County Highway Accountants Association and certificate of recognition from Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton.

"People are, and always will be, our greatest asset in public service. The successful management of local governments is a direct result of valued employees like you," wrote Dayton to Hodel in his letter. "Your professionalism, customer service, and engagement have contributed immeasurably to Koochiching County. As a public servant, you have served the broader public good far longer



Photo by Whitney Jackson

Local residents and past co-workers of Koochiching County Highway Accountant Donna Hodel rise to give her a standing ovation for her 71 years of service.

than most, and have done so in an exemplary manner."

The board noted Hodel started her employment with the county on Aug. 16, 1947, to which she replied "wow."

"I can't say enough about you, Donna — and I know I speak for everyone in here — you're wonderful," said Commissioner Wade Pavleck, becoming emotional. "I don't know how we'll get along without her. We were lucky to have you."

"Oh, come on now, Wade," Hodel said, smiling.

But others, too, weren't about to let Hodel out of the spotlight.

"It was just unreal the service you did for us contractors, too," said Borderland resident Brian Nelson. "(It) made everyone's day when you walked in to talk to Donna."

"It's been wonderful to get to know you and work with you," added Koochiching County Highway Engineer Joe Sutherland.

When asked if she would like to say anything, Hodel replied simply, "not really, thank you."

SHOOTING MARBLES

Submitted by Rich Glennie

When was the last time you saw kids playing marbles outside? It's been quite a while I suspect.

In the 1950s, playing marbles was a staple of life once the snow melted and the dirt streets dried up a bit in International Falls. Often, that was late April or the start of May at the earliest.

It wasn't really playing with marbles so much as shooting marbles. It was a competition, and often that competition was fierce.

All the neighborhood kids had a supply of marbles ranging from cat-eyes (the most common) to pure-ies (the most coveted because they were one color, clear and prettier) to boulders (the bigger marbles). Every so often, some kid would drag out a big, old ballbearing and crush the competition's marbles, literally.

Often we played in the streets, in driveways or nearby playgrounds. In the street, we had to put up with an occasional passing vehicle that would run over the marbles, burying them deep in the dirt.

We actually had marble tournaments each summer in the Falls at the old Mando baseball stadium near the banks of Rainy River. There were prizes with the winners' write-ups in the Daily Journal newspaper, too. It was quite an event, open to boys and girls.

When playing marbles in the dirt, there were no specific rules other than what the neighborhood kids agreed to. Someone would draw a large circle in the dirt and everyone would ante up some marbles to shoot at. Shooters tried to hit the marbles in the center and move them to the edge of the circle. Then if a shooter could hit and get one of those marbles to roll outside the circle, he won that marble.

Once someone won all the marbles, the game was over. The

rest of us went home "marble-less."

While shooting marbles was pretty simple, winning was not so easy.

There were special ways to shoot a marble. There was the "knuckles-down-skinny-bone tight" approach where one's shooting knuckle was close to the ground at all times. The marble, cradled by the shooter's index finger, was propelled by a flick of the thumb.

There was the higher-ability shooter, knuckle raised with the marble off the ground to get a better angle from which to shoot. Again, the thumb was the propeller. It took a lot of practice, and sore thumbs, to master that technique.

The game started by drawing a line and "lagging" your marble closest to the line. The closest to the line shot first.

We could play marbles all day, or whenever you lost all your marbles. I wonder if that's where, "Have you lost your marbles?" comes from.

But we had one fellow, Delhart Jones, who traveled the town on his bicycle. He was a little different because he always rode his bicycle backwards. He would sit on the handlebars and pedal his bicycle while looking over his shoulder for obstacles.

Can't say I ever saw him run into anything or fall off his bike. I never saw him ride his bike the normal way either.

Delhart, who was older, was so good at marbles that we cringed whenever we saw him coming down the street. He was almost guaranteed to "skin" us of all our marbles.

The maddening part came when the game was over and Delhart rode off backwards. He always had that smirk that said "Gotcha!" while he looked you right in the eye as he headed back down the street.

The Falls had some real characters back then.



GUESS WHO

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this guy had it all at his store!

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Notes of 'Thanks'

Keep up the good work, it is appreciated. ~ Hal Mirka

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BRONCO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTEES

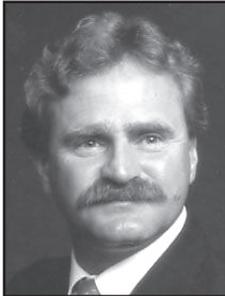
By Colton Jeffries
Reprinted from The Journal

Four individuals and a region champion volleyball team from International Falls were honored at 7 p.m. March 30 at the AmericInn as the next class of inductees into the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame's Class of 2019 includes Buzzy Christensen, Lori Schmidt Braiedy, Jerry Wherley, Gary Wood and the 1980 Bronco volleyball team.

Buzzy Christensen

After winning two state titles with the undefeated Bronco boys' hockey teams of 1965 and 1966, Christensen went on to win state titles as an assistant and head coach of the Grand Rapids High School Thunderhawks, according to the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame Facebook page.



After graduating from FHS, Christensen attended the University of North Dakota before serving his country in Vietnam. He finished his college education at Bemidji State in 1973.

Jerry Wherley

Playing for the Falls High School boys' hockey team, Wherley helped the Broncos bring home the third-place trophy in the 1959 state tournament.



After graduating from Falls High School, Wherley went on to play football and hockey for the University of Minnesota-Duluth, lettering in both sports.

Lori Schmidt Braiedy

As a competitor for the Falls High School girls' cross country and track teams, Braiedy ran in the state meets for both sports five times each.

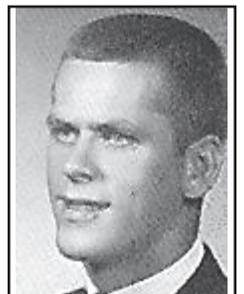


During her time at the state track meets, Braiedy had multiple appearances in events like the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relays, including a state championship win in the 1995 4x400.

Along with her careers in cross country and track, Braiedy spent her winters on the Bronco girls' basketball team.

Gary Wood

Wood holds the distinction of being the first American to be drafted by the National Hockey League, being drafted in 1967 to the California Seals.



During his time with the Broncos, Wood recorded seven points in the 1965 Minnesota State Hockey Tournament, tying teammate, and 2018 Hall of Famer, Pete Fichuk for most points on the team.

Wood passed away in 2002.



1980 volleyball team

The 1980 Bronco volleyball team was coached by Laurie Kohler (1975-1982), finishing the 1980 season with a 23-2 record.

This team was also the first Bronco volleyball squad to make the state tournament, a feat only matched twice since in 1981 and 2002. The Broncos defeated St. Francis 2-0 in the Region 7AA Tournament finals.



1980 volleyball team

Photo by Colton Jeffries

The 1980 Bronco volleyball team poses with their plaques and region championship trophy as they get inducted into the Bronco Hall of Fame. After accepting their plaques, the Bronco volleyball team did their pregame chant one last time: "Bump, set, spike, win."

EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

Submitted by John (FHS '54) and Karen (FHS '56) Wilson

Gavin is the third Eagle Scout in the Wilson family.

Bruce Wilson (FHS '80) father became an Eagle Scout 40 years ago in 1979.

Hunter Wilson (FHS '19), Gavin's brother, became an Eagle Scout in 2018.

All three were members of Boy Scout Troop 150 in International Falls.

Gavin's Eagle Scout Project was replenishing the auditorium doors at Backus.

The project took the time and effort of adults Frank Edwards, Steve Bruess, Bruce and June Wilson, Mike Hedtke and Eagle Scouts, Nick Riley and Hunter Wilson. Younger Scouts also assisted, including, Odin Hansen, Ian Blumer, Ethan VerSteege and Alex Robar, who all helped to complete the 127 volunteer hours needed for door refinishing.

Northern Lumber supplied the materials for the project.

Backus is sincerely thankful for Wilson's efforts in restoring the doors to their original state, an article said.

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Gavin Paul Wilson (FHS '21), was held at Backus Community Center on March 31, 2019.



From left, brothers Hunter (FHS '19, 2018 Eagle Scout) and Gavin Wilson (FHS '21, new Eagle Scout) pose for a photo with their father, Bruce (FHS '80, 40 year Eagle Scout).

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - GEORGE BATEMAN

Submitted by Dave Austin

The teacher I would choose as very memorable would be George Bateman. I am a 1968 graduate and I believe that we were his last class as he retired that year. I enjoyed him as a teacher and even more as a person.

I don't recall the exact course title but I believe it was senior social studies or senior civics. I believe we had a textbook to follow but recall most of our class time was spent on "current events" and practical topics like filing tax returns, career choices, job interviews, etc. His room was filled with newspapers, magazines, maps, and other sources of information. George himself was a great source of knowledge after being in the classroom for so many years. He seemed to enjoy teaching and getting to know you as a student especially if you showed some reciprocal interest.

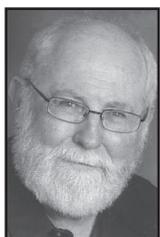
One day in class he asked for a show of hands on a question that I believe was something like this: "How many of you would like to remain and live here in International Falls?"

I believe only a handful of us raised our hands. I was one of

the last to leave the classroom that day and he pulled me gently aside and said this was a fine place to live and raise a family...but get a profession! I took his advice and was fortunate enough to be able to practice the forestry profession at Boise for 42 years. Thank you George, and Lee Grim and Phil Kangas at Rainy River Junior College who helped along the way.

My wife and I often saw George and his wife during his retirement years at various locations in town. He always greeted me as "David" just as my mother did and just as he probably also addressed his own son who he was very proud of - Bobby. We admired his beautiful garden grown on the rocks of Dove Island so Jill and I copied him. He was always a friendly, respectful gentleman and I felt blessed to be his friend and student.

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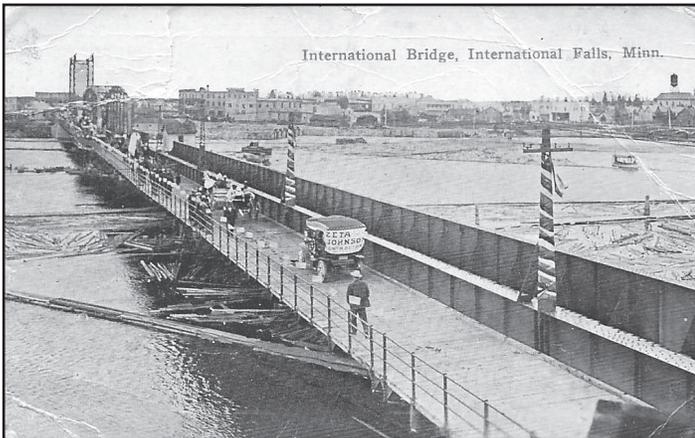
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Bridge construction

Submitted by John Harris, Class of '57

A postcard shows construction of the Int'l Bridge between International Falls and Fort Frances. This has to date back to circa 1912, said Harris, who found the photo while digging through his grandparents' (Charles & Esther Freden) photo album. The picture will be donated to the Koochiching County Historical Society museums in International Falls.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT – ALPHA STALSON

Submitted by
Katherine Scheuer

Katherine (Rauscher) Scheuer shared this photo of herself at age 7 with teacher Alpha Stalson, Stalson's mother and Scheuer's mother in 1938.

The photo comes after Ann Vierck wrote in sharing her story about her favorite teacher, also being Alpha Stalson, who taught kindergarten in International Falls from 1934-1940. The photo and story was printed in the October, 2018 edition of the Alumni Newsletter.

"I, too, have great memories of Miss Stalson," wrote Scheuer.



Harriet Lloyd, reporter for The Daily Journal, interviews Bronco Nagurski and two others in the late 30's or early 40's.

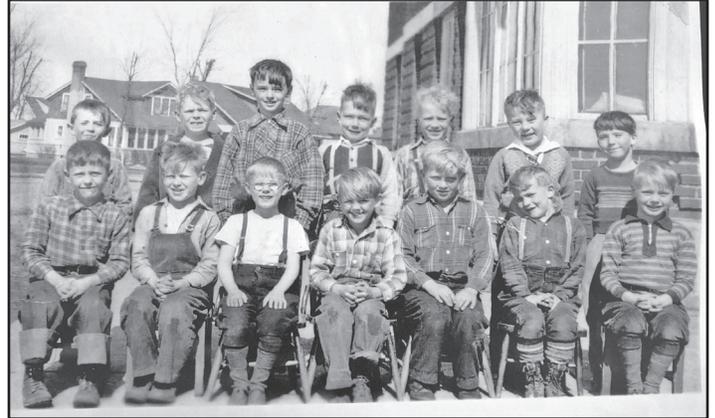


Henrickson Equipment staff pose for a photo in 1982.

Pictured are Elmer Henrickson - Flunky & Partsman, Larry Mannausau - Manager, Leroy LaValla - Mechanic, Ron Heem - Mechanic, and Diane Swenson - Office Manager.

AB KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 1941

Submitted by Huntz Wagner



Can you fill in the blanks, readers?

Back row, left to right: Arlene Johnson, Unknown, Clara Chowan, Marie Kucera, Irene Vadnais, Alice Paulson, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Nadyne Kostin, Unknown, Beatrice Tofte, Janice Risberg, Unknown, Vivian Jackson, Sharon Wagner, Gloria Sawchuck.

Front row: Marlene Kuusisto, Unknown, Unknown, Lily Ho, Marcia Thiele, Renne Roberson.

Back row, left to right: Unknown, Jeff Williams, B. Speelman, Don Rosten, Floyd Gustafson, Bill Schalfge, Jon Rieners.

Front row: John Sathrum, Wallace Kucera, Duane Kerry, Lloyd Nilson, Harold Christianson, Lyle Selberg, David Krogseng.



1959 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Submitted by Jeannine Nelson

Front row, left to right; Marilyn Covell, Marsha Christensen and Jeannine Clarity.

Back row, left to right; Suzie Rosen, Renee Simon, Sharon Frederickson and Ada Marie DeRaad.



“HOMETOWN”

Freelance artist and Borderland resident Cherie Serrano shared this painting of International Falls in February on her Facebook page. She calls it “Hometown.”

Serrano specializes in oil paintings of landscapes, wildlife and florals. She also teaches painting classes to adults and children at Serrano Gallery in International Falls.

GUESS WHO

Answer to question from Page 4

Bracelets, rings, necklaces galore,
this guy had it all at his store!

Answer

Julius Sher of Sher’s Jewelry



CLASS OF 1964 55TH REUNION

Friday, Aug. 9, 2019 – Noon-4 p.m.
Sha Sha Upper Room
Food/drinks, on your own
RSVP to Dennis Gable by Aug. 1, 2019
denlgable@gmail.com

Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019 – 3 p.m.
Ranier Daze - Loony's Deck, Ranier

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1979:

Mark your calendar!

The 40th Reunion date will be
Saturday, July 6, 2019.
Please watch your mail in the first part of
2019 for more information.

CLASS OF 1968 ANNUAL GATHERING

Friday, July 5, 2019
Sha Sha Resort, 4-7 p.m.

*There will be no invitations mailed and everyone
will just pay for their own food and drinks.
Pass the word. Everyone is welcome.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1957

The 3rd Annual Class of 1957 Lunch is planned for
Thursday, July 18, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

If you graduated with or were ever a member of the
Class of '57 (aka the "Greatest FHS Class Ever") plan
on joining your classmates for lunch at Island View
Lodge. Spouses or other special guests are welcome.
Arrive about 11:30 a.m., enjoy visiting old friends and
then, order from the menu (the cost of the meal and
the gratuity is your responsibility). Continue visiting
during lunch and remain as long after as you wish.
Casual dress. We plan on dining indoors,
overlooking the beautiful vista of Rainy Lake.

NOTE: The Lodge does ask for a "head count" so
they can better prepare. Therefore, please call Peggy
Holt Gustafson at 218-286-5450 or email John Harris
at jnhnj@yahoo.com to confirm that you will be
attending. If bringing a guest, please also confirm the
name of your guest.

**PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE
BEFORE JULY 5TH - THANK YOU.**

CLASS OF 1969 50 YEAR REUNION

Saturday, July 6, 2019

This is your "save the date," "heads up," "make
plans" notice for our 50th reunion! Start looking
forward to Saturday, July 6, 2019 for a special day
together with your classmates. You will not be sorry
if you come, but you will be sad if you miss it - and
so will we! Check-out the "closed group" Falls High
School Class of 1969 Facebook page.

Send Patti Costley Stromgren, Lin Backstrom or
Maggie McBride a "friend" request and they will add
you to the class group so you can view and receive
all the posts. Questions, please email us at:
class.of.1969.fhs@gmail.com.

FINAL FAREWELL

Corinne E. 'Corky' Brindos, (Class of '41), passed away April 6, 2019. She was born Aug. 8, 1923.

Enid E. Ellsworth-Carr, (Class of '43), passed away April 2, 2019. She was born Oct. 15, 1926.

Audrey Luverne (Sterna) Niemi, (Class of '43), passed away Jan. 21, 2019. She was born Feb. 12, 1925.

Rose Ann Morin, (Class of '45), passed away April 8, 2019. She was born Nov. 21, 1927.

Arvilla 'Billie' (Schickling) Degelman, (Class of '46), passed away March 15, 2019. She was born May 2, 1928.

Marvin Robert Pearson, (Class of '47), passed away Feb. 15, 2019. He was born Feb. 26, 1929.

John Clement Ruelle, (Class of '47), passed away Jan. 8, 2019. He was born June 5, 1927.

James J. Gordon, (Class of '49), passed away March 3, 2019. He was born April 26, 1931.

Mary Jane Mathews, (Class of '49), passed away March 4, 2019. She was born Aug. 31, 1931.

Margaret Holt Simonson, (Class of '50) passed away.

Karoline 'Kay' Dahlen, (Class of '52), passed away March 30, 2019. She was born Nov. 3, 1933.

Duane Myron Bush, (Class of '53), passed away Feb. 26, 2019.

Ethel 'Mae' Mann, (Class of '54), passed away Jan. 24, 2019. She was born March 21, 1936.

JoAnn Sather, (Class of '54), passed away Feb. 8, 2019. She was born Nov. 17, 1936.

Glenn Ivan Desens, (Class of '55), passed away Feb. 6, 2019.

Ronald Dale Jean, (Class of '56), passed away Feb. 15, 2019. He was born May 7, 1937.

Harriet Methers Rosenberg, (Class of '56), passed away Jan. 12, 2019. She was born Dec. 16, 1937.

Dennis W. Olson, (Class of '58), passed away Jan. 10, 2019. He was born Feb. 11, 1940.

June Marie Kirvan, (Class of '60), passed away Feb. 5, 2019.

James George Bruggeman, (Class of '62), passed away Jan. 5, 2019. He was born Feb. 3, 1944.

Sandra K. Dunham, (Class of '62), passed away Feb. 22, 2019.

Mary Ann Johnson, (Class of '62), passed away Feb. 15, 2019. She was born July 16, 1944.

Bernard Gordon 'Spike' Woods, (Class of '62), passed away Jan. 9, 2019. He was born Aug. 16, 1944.

Linda Lou (Long) Tilander, (Class of '63), passed away March 9, 2019. She was born Aug. 14, 1943.

Hannah Yvonne Reeve, (Class of '65), passed away March 9, 2019. She was born March 13, 1947.

Harvey Ross Brindos, (Class of '66), passed away Jan. 23, 2019. He was born Sept. 20, 1948.

Mary 'Peggy' M. Fults, (Class of '67), passed away Dec. 30, 2018. She was born Aug. 10, 1949.

Michael 'Tony' Kleis Jr., (Class of '67), passed away Feb. 1, 2019. He was born Feb. 4, 1949.

Ralph Brown, (Class of '68), passed away Jan. 13, 2019.

Glenn Henry Gartzke Sr., (Class of '69), passed away Jan. 22, 2019.

Monica Elizabeth Larson, (Class of '71), passed away Feb. 2, 2019. She was born Oct. 10, 1951.

Sandra Faye Westom Nault, (Class of '71), passed away March 12, 2019. She was born May 17, 1953.

Lyn Marie Bruce, (Class of '72), passed away Jan. 9, 2019. She was born July 13, 1954.

Debra Kay Kleppe, (Class of '72), passed away Jan. 6, 2019. She was born Nov. 11, 1953.

Jane Violet Rosenthal, (Class of '73), passed away Jan. 15, 2019. She was born Aug. 15, 1955.

Susan Marie Taylor, (Class of '73), passed away Jan. 7, 2019. She was born Sept. 12, 1954.

Roland 'JR' Ruelle, (Class of '74), passed away Jan. 3, 2019.

Joseph Geno Lucca, (Class of '76), passed away March 28, 2019. He was born Aug. 3, 1958.

Scott Marvin Alleman, (Class of '78), passed away March 3, 2019. He was born Dec. 20, 1960.

Jeffrey Gene Doucette (Class of '96) passed away.

Ritha Boyle, (Class of 2004), passed away April 14, 2019. She was born Nov. 1, 1984.

Margaret J. Simon passed away Dec. 31, 2018. She was born Oct. 13, 1935.

Delores Mae Weaver passed away Jan. 31, 2019. She was born June 30, 1922.

Sharon Olivia Olson passed away April 8, 2019. She was born July 24, 1950.

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