



Alumni Historian

Mayville High School

Spring/Summer 2019

132 Years

Victoria L. (Vohwinkel) Shanks—Class of 1975

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This Historian is dedicated to:



John - '59 & Sandra Howard Secord - '60

~2019 Alumni Banquet—June 8, 2019 ~



2018 Banquet

Alumni Banquet 2018... 50 Year Graduates...

Class of 1968

50 yr. Grads

Class Motto:



Back Row: Joyce Ford—passed away July 25 2018 , Brenda (Spreeman) Franks, Jennie (Dennis) Reuther, Bob McKellar, Charles Vat, Bob Sugden, Raymond Beach. **Middle Row:** Delphine (Kreis) Fillhard, Connie (Will) Fibrantz, Marialice (Garnsey) Gasta, Jean (Lamiman) Wernel, Jack Long, Carl Palmerton, John Wall III. **Front Row:** Harry Keipinger, Linda (Dost) Foote, Bonnie (Johnson) Mathews, Susan (Tompkins) Fox, Jeanne Hunt, Linda (Marlow) Fackler passed away 3-11-2019, Carolyn (Scigel) Wymore, Karen (Trojan) Osowski, Katherine (Carpenter) Fulton and Rick Fulton.



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2018 Alumni Banquet

The 2018 Banquet was held on Saturday, June 16, 2018. The total attendance was 146, with Alumni, faculty and guests.

The Fifty-Year-Graduates, the Class of 1968 had 24 members present, and the Twenty-Five-Year-Graduates, the Class of 1993 had no members attending.

The meal was catered for the last and final time by ***Touch of Class Catering***. It was



with much sadness that we said good-bye to Dean and Phyllis *Fritz* Wingert—Class of '64, who have catered the Alumni Banquet for more than 20 years. We hope they enjoy their retirement!

Bill and Patricia Hamilton were honored for their many years of outstanding work as educators and coaches and for their contributions to the Helen Lynch Media Center. *You can read more about the Hamiltons in the 2018 Alumni Historian, which can be found on-line at the Mayville Community Schools webpage.*

The Duncan Memorial Award was presented to Lauryn Frenzel - Class of 2018 by past recipient and 50-Year-Grad, Fred Beach - '68.



4 Mayville High School Alumni 2018 Awards Recipients

2018 Norman Duncan
Award Recipient:
Lauryn Frenzel



2019 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

will be announced at the
Senior Awards program and presented
at the Annual
Alumni Banquet June 8, 2019



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019



Class Motto:

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind”

Class color: Green—Class flower: Sunflower—Class Song: Mr. Blue Sky

Dillon Andress
Ian Atwell
Brian Babcock
Katlyn Baxter
Brandon Buckmaster
Ashily Burns
Kiara Craig
Dylan Diem
Victoria Fairchild
Christopher Field
Livia Flynn
Madison Franzel
Jacob Grant
Sydney Hanson
Carter Harmon

Ryan Iseler
Jennifer Judd
Logan LaBean
Jasmine Langford
James Maddocks
Dakota Mathews
Patrick McGuire
Gabriella McMullen
Peter Morden
Lyric Napora
Tyler Petriches
Skylinn Phelps
Nicholas Phillips
Kennedy Pierson
Madelyn Pitcavage

Aaron Pollard
Hayley Rulason
Alexis Rutter
Brady Secord
Maximillian Shaw
Cody Stier
Chasidy Stornello
Alexander Sziber
Leora Thompson
Brian Trump
Laura Watts

2018 Alumni Banquet continued...



“To
reminisce
with old
friends,
a chance
to share
some
memories,
and play our
songs
again...”

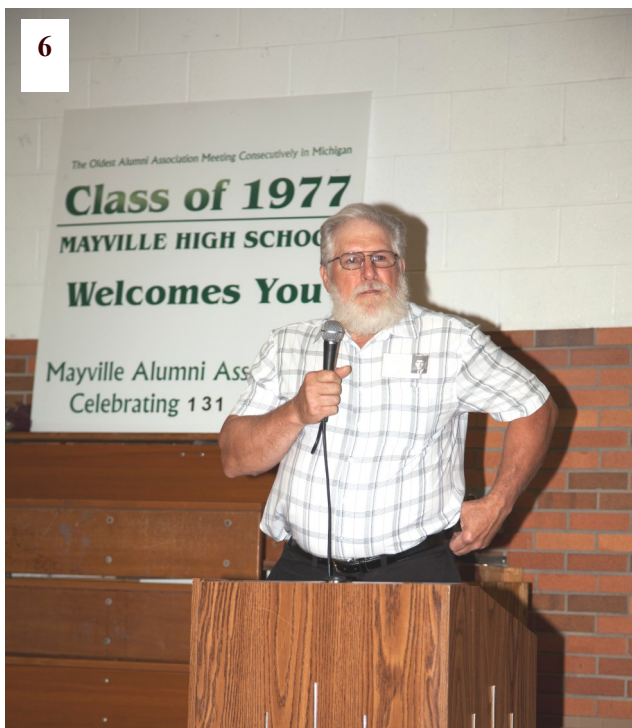
2018 Alumni Banquet

*Banquet
photos courtesy of
Judy Ollila—Class of '79*

“Old
stories
are like
old
friends.
You have
to visit
them
from
time to
time.”



2018 Alumni Banquet



Above: Charles Vat '68 gives the Invocation.

Above Right: Dan Dennis '77 presents Rick and Kathy Fulton with their Golden Diplomas.

Right: Alumni Association President Patti Volweiler '81 visits with Francene *Blasius* Smith '36, who at the time of the Banquet was a resident of the Fisher Senior Care and Rehab Center in Mayville. Thanks to the many friends and medical care staff, Francene was able to attend the Banquet. Sadly, on June 29, just one week later Francene passed away. The family ask for school supplies in lieu of flowers, and the generous donations were given to the school in her memory.

More about Francene and her dedication to education can be found in the 2016 Historian on the Mayville School webpage under the Alumni tab.



Mayville Lions Club - Back Row: Henry Wymore, Ken Bragg, Ron Johnson, Frank Franzel, Jan Richardson. **Front Row:** Jennifer Leitzel, Floyd Vollweiler, Lawrence Ihrke, Shari Johnson, Carolyn Wymore.

*The Alumni
Association would like
to say
“Thank You” to
everyone who helped
make the 2018
Annual Alumni
Banquet a success!*

*thank
you!*

Congratulations 50 year and 25 year Grads of 2019

50 yr. Grads—Class of 1969

Class Motto: "The key is in our hands, the gate is in front of us, the journey beyond is our own."

Class Colors: Red and White

Class Flower: Red Roses and White Carnations

Sandra (Bader) Main, Ted Baraboll *, Gary Blackmer, Donald Bodeis *, Diane (Briggs) TerBush, Daniel Buggia, Cheryl Burket, Vickie (Clark) Montel *, Janet (Conaway) Steele, Kay (Davis) Scrimger, Henry Doerr *, Donald Donath, Ronald Donath, Cheryl (Dost) Belanger, Bonnie (Easlick) Sochocki, Sheryl (Fairfield) Gaebl, Rosealee Fox, Lynn Freeland, Georgeanna (Germain) Romain, David Gohs, Barry Harris, Deborah (Haskin) Moncman, William Hicks, Paul Hoose, Timothy Hormel, David Janowski, Elvin Johnson *, Susan (Johnson) Zeglevski, Sharon (Kitchen) Thomas *, Robert Knox, Ursula (Knox) Kramer, Donnalee (Kowalski) Zietz, Clare Kreger, Jean (Lockhart) Sines, Ronald Lumley, Patrick Lynch, Roger Lyon, Nancy (Maciag) Digman, Vickie (Maharg) Suchland, Eugene Marietta, **Connie (Marlow) Harris — Treasurer, Jack McKenzie - President**, Douglas McLellan, Jim McMullen, Brenda (Myers) Roach *, Bobbie (Noble) Burns, Duane Oliver, Gary Oliver *, Victor Palmerton Jr, Michael Peet, Ralph Petersen III, Shari (Proctor) Capozzoli, **Douglas Robinson — Vice President**, Gloria (Robinson) Kolylik, Judy (Robinson) Newton, Ronald Roth, Cathy (Schafer) Higgins, Kenneth Schott, Mary (Seigel) Draper, Joyce (Somerville) Bahr, Diane Springsteen, Max Steele, Phillip Stout *, Nancy (Stuart) Bukoski, Thomas Sugden, **Michael Sullivan — Student Council President**, Fred TerBush, Keith TerBush, Michael Tompkins, Rodney Torrey, Patricia (Turner) Rexin, Thomas Walker, James Wallace, Randy Werren, **Janelle (Welke) Holt — Secretary & Student Council Secretary**, Michelle (Wells) Miller, Douglas Wheaton, Francis White, Julie (Wilsie) Barnes, Patricia (Wright) Oberle, Peggy (Wright) Lott, Robert Yens, Linda (Zapfe) Smith, Margaret (Zaradny) Drayton.

Exchange Students:

Cornelia G. F.(Mueller) Luebbers - Switzerland

* Deceased

25 yr. Grads—Class of 1994

Class Motto: "Our lives are before us. Our past is behind us. Our memories are forever with us."

Class Colors: Red, Black and Gold

Class Flower: Red Rose dipped in Gold

Class Song: "It's so hard to say Goodbye"

Boyz II Men

Kyle Adams, George Anklaam, Timothy Applebee, Jared Bailey, Nikki (Baldwin) McKnight, Jason Bellor, Gayle Berard, Holly Bindon, Christy (Blackmer) Richard, Donny Blackmer *, Tracy Bogdan, Chris Brewer, Thomas Brooks, Tony Budreau, Tori (Budreau) Duve, David Buhler, Tammy (Carroll) Sanders, Tim Carter, Eric Champlin, Jason Chaney, **Angela (Cheney) Steele-Vice President**, Dawn (Cooper) Girard, Jerry Dalrymple, Jackie (Davidson) Pierson, Jeff Day, April (Deo) Moore, Robert Draper, Danielle (Duncan) Hunkins, Beth (Ellicott) Papes, Christine Elwood, Steven Elwood II, Kimberly (Foote) Hilborn, John Franzel, Keith Fritz *, Damon Geiger, Denise (Gillisse) Webster, Daniel Greenwood, Gary Grymonprez, **Adam Haas-Valedictorian, Donald Holman-Treasurer**, Renee' (Keeln) Thorp, Heather (Knap) MacDonald, Dwayne Kontak, Nikole (Kopka) McKellar, Susan Kucharski, Jaime (LaBean) Macko, Timothy Ladd, Patrick Laskowski, Steven Lepeak, Melissa (Lieber) Berlin, Honalora (Liskey) Dodrill, Serena Long, Jodi Love, Sarah (Mann) Batey, Amy Martindale, Daniel McCarty, Mary (McIngvale) Elwart, **Crystal (McKee) Fryers-Secretary**, Steven McKellar, Matthew McMullen, Katherine (Meyer) Neese, Sally (Milner) Rogowski, Melissa (Montague) Hobson, George Moore, Tammy (Peet) Merritt, Lisa (Piche') Haubenstricker, Tracy (Pittman) Leone, Joadell (Rappuhn) Eddy, **Stephanie (Rexin) Remo-President-Salutatorian**, Toni (Rogers) Walrath, Derek Rulason, Shannon Ryan, Joseph Saincome, Terry Sansote, Robert Schauer, Jennifer (Shamel) Hall, Jennifer Sugden, Paul Sylvester, Robert Tallman, LeeAnn (Taylor) Lambert, George Teeple III, Angie TerBush, Jerry TerBush, Joseph TerBush, Minta (Thomas) Offenbecker, Earl Tiffin III, Wendy Tompkins, Tammy (Topham) Bellor, Archie Wickham III, Sheri (Will) Huston, Traci (Wolfe) Smith.

* Deceased

Class Reunions of 2018



From left to right: Marty Plain, Theresa Buggia, Cindy Woern, Jeff Johnson (Jeff's wife), Mikelle Oberle Robinson, Daniel Bednarski, Billy Robinson, Doug Lynch, Diana Crane, Jeff Diegel (Jeff's wife) Dave Buggia, Vickie Buggia and Jeff Jordan. *Not everyone pictured above is from the MHS Class of 1978*

Class of 1971

Front row left to right Sheila Putman, Pam Naugle, Denise Hormel, Kathy Thienes, Ruth McGuire, Debbie Fox, Susan Blonde. **Back row** Gary Ter Bush, Gilbert Long, Terry Crane, Dennis Mitchell, George Chapin, Kevin Tompkins, Gary McMullen, Bob Somerville, Dave Frenzel, Jim Woern, Mike Baber, Mike Stilson.



Photo credit: Gary Lee TerBush



Photo credit: Jill Steele Pape

Row 1 -Rhonda Richardson Wright, Jill Tewksbury Wiechec, Kim Perry Copeland, David Howell.
Row 2 - Todd Germain, Melissa Mihora Endersbe, Linda Taylor, Sandra Lamphere Thompson, Julie Brown Childs, Becky Workman McNeil, Jim McNinch.
Row 3 - Rafe Barber, Jill Steele Pape, Tracy Swoffer Tanton, Toni Irvine Craig, Barb McConnell Bennett, Tim Elling
Row 4 - Ron Foster, Mike Pilly, David Pape, Steve Oberle, Wayne Rick Grant, Brad Moss. Attending after photo- Rob Major and Kathy Reavey Guinther.

Honoring John & Sandy Howard Secord...

This year the Alumni Association has chosen to honor John- '59 and the late Sandra (*Howard*) Secord - '60, for their many years of service on the Alumni Board, as well as to the Mayville Community Schools.

Sandra "Sandy" Lee *Howard* Secord passed away after a lengthy illness on February 11, 2019. Sandy was born January 3, 1942 to the late Charles and Gladys Mae (*Jones*) Howard in Caro, Michigan, one of eight children, with five sisters and two brothers. She graduated from Mayville High School with the class of 1960.

Sandy married John Secord on March 23, 1963 at the Fostoria United Methodist Church where she was a dedicated member for 55 years. Together they raised three children, all who attended and graduated from Mayville High School—Sherri '82, Renee' '83 and Jeff '87.

Many alumni will remember Sandy as a favorite bus driver, smiling school cook, and cheerful janitor. She began her career with the Mayville Schools as a busdriver in 1985, and in 1987 she worked in the High School kitchen, as well as driving bus. In 1996 Sandy transferred from a cooking position to a custodial position at the Elementary School, where she worked until her retirement in 2000.

Sandy was a seamstress and did a lot of sewing and alterations for many people over the years. She made her own wedding gown, along with the dresses for her attendants. She also made her daughter Sherri's wedding dress, from pattern to completion, and she made all four bridesmaid dress, as well as dresses for the bridal train bearers. She also baked and decorated the wedding cake and was hostess of the backyard wedding for four hundred guests! Sandy also made her daughter Renee's wedding dress, the bridesmaid's dresses and the wedding cake. When her son Jeff got married, she made that wedding cake as well.



Sandy loved baking and cooking and over the years she decorated many special occasion cakes as well as making and selling chocolate candy to fellow workers on her breaks when she worked for RJ Chambers in Lapeer. She did the same for the Mayville school staff when she worked there.

Sandy mastered many things, from cake decorating and candy making to sewing, knitting, crocheting, basket weaving, and even macramé, but she loved to travel with friends and family and spend time with her grandchildren and great-grand children.



John Ernest Secord was born November 15, 1941 to Ada Bell (Osburn) and Harold John Secord of Columbiaville, Michigan. John was the oldest of three boys. When he was 15 years old his father suffered a fatal heart attack while at work at the Fisher Body Grand Blanc Plant. John's mother later became an Elementary School teacher in Fostoria and then Mayville, where she taught until her retirement in 1978. Many Alumni will remember her as Mrs. Ada Harp.

John graduated in 1959 from MHS and enrolled in Michigan State University, earning a Bachelors Degree in microbiology in June of 1963. After graduation from MSU, he and Sandy moved to Grand Rapids where John began his internship at St. Mary's Hospital. During this time Sandy worked for a dry cleaner, doing clothing alterations. Their first daughter, Sherri Lynn was born in December of 1963.

In 1964 John began working in the lab at the Lapeer County General hospital. Their second daughter, Renee' was born in 1965. Around that same time John began working for Dr. James Higgins PHD, in a experimental department of the Lapeer State Home. Following the birth of their son Jeffery in 1969, John and Sandy purchased land on Millington Road near Fostoria and put in a double-wide home, which remained their residence until the fall of 2018.

Another job change found John working in Saginaw in a commercial lab before accepting a job at a hospital in Cordova, Alaska, a small town on the east side of the Prince William Sound— 2,783 miles from Fostoria, Michigan. Three years later in 1976, the Secord family returned to Michigan and resided for a time in Westland, near Detroit, before moving back into their house near Fostoria.

In 1987, John ran for and won, a seat on the Mayville Board of Education. He served a four-year term and in 1991 he was re-elected for another term, serving a total of eight years on the BOE in various offices. In 2007, John retired from the Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City, where he had worked for 30 years.



March 23, 1963

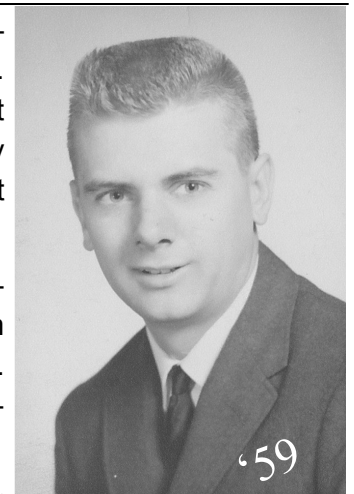
Both John and Sandy enjoyed traveling and were able to visit all of the states at least once. They also took each of their grandchildren on a week long vacation with them when they turned 10 years old, and they took day trips throughout Michigan with their great-grandchildren.

All three of John and Sandy's children graduated from Mayville High School and all of their grandchildren have, or will graduate from Mayville as well, with the exception of one grandson. Their great-granddaughter Danielle attended Head Start this year and will attend Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year at Mayville Elementary.

John and Sandy have been active on the Alumni Association Board for more than 20 years. They have served as Members-at-Large, on the Scholarship Committee, participated at the Annual Alumni Banquets and John was President as well as Secretary of the Alumni Board for several years. Their contributions to the Alumni Association and to the Mayville Schools has been extensive, and their hard work, dedication and support over the years has been greatly appreciated, and an inspiration to many alumni past and present.

"It is hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember." ~ unknown

**Special thanks to Sherri Secord Elenbaum, the Mayville Library, and the Mayville Monitor Archives for information for this article. ~VLS Shields*





Frank Pliska Music Scholarship



For more than 20 years the Mayville High School Band, under the direction of Frank Pliska, recorded a record album each year. Frank passed away in December of 2018, and his entire collection, of yearbooks and record albums, is being sold to raise money for the Frank Pliska Scholarship Fund*. Listed below are the albums and yearbooks that are available now and will be available at the 2019 Alumni Banquet, June 8th.

Record albums and Yearbooks are \$10 each, unless indicated otherwise.

<u>Year of Album</u>	<u># of Albums Available</u>
1959-60	12
62	5
64	5
65	1
66	2
67	2
68	2
69	2
70	3
71	6
72	5
73	4
74	6
75	5
77	5
Tri- County Honors 1980	1
Merry Christmas No Year	4
MHS Jazz Band Single 1971	2 \$5 each



If you are interested in purchasing a Record Album or a Yearbook, please text Linda Forsys at: (810) 300-1612 or email her at: lrforsys@hotmail.com.

All purchases are on a "first come, first served" basis. If you would like your purchase mailed, there will be an extra charge-\$8 per yearbook and \$5 per album. However, Linda can assume no responsibility for albums damaged in shipment.

**Checks or Money orders should be made payable to: Mayville High School—please write "Frank Pliska Scholarship" on memo line.*

Yearbooks Available—One for each year listed



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It's 11 degrees outside and a cold wind howls on a January day while Robert Tallman leads a visitor on a tour of the 38-acre testament to nature that he and his wife, Diane, have created just west of Mayville – the community where he taught, learned from others, and inspired many for more than 30 years.

Bob, as his friends call him, gestures with a raised left arm and an ungloved hand in a wide arc. “And right over there is our underground river,” he says through rosy cheeks, the only visible sign that he senses the cold.

For Mr. Tallman, as his students called him, this was just another cold day in paradise.

The Tallmans, who were named Tuscola County Wildlife Conservationists and Conservation Educators of the year in 2012, have dedicated their lives to sharing their love of nature with others.

Bob leads his visitor on a forty-minute tour where he describes the flora and fauna of the partially wooded property in such detail and with so much affection that it's easy to tell he planted and nurtured many of the seedlings that make up this preserve.

Later, in the comfort of their cozy home, Bob fondly recalls many of the students he worked with on a wide variety of projects.

When the visitor asks him to talk about the Mayville High School Class of 1969, which will be celebrating its 50th graduation anniversary this summer, a wide grin slowly spreads across his face, causing his eyes to brighten and his eyebrows to dance.

“Well, I believe I learned more from students in the Class of '69 than they learned from me,” he said, maintaining the adventurous, almost mischievous, smile. “Those students taught me that they thought they were in charge, and I had to figure out a way to use that thinking to get them to learn without realizing that I was in charge.”

Mr. Tallman, who joined the Mayville teaching Gang of Bobs – Bob Warren, Bob Cudney, Bob McGregor, and Bob Morrison, thinks the Class of '69 marked the beginning a new era for the school district.

“The Class of '69, in my view, was really the beginning of the Golden Age for Mayville Schools, the era of Superintendent Jerome Thiennes,” he said. “We were doing a lot of the things right here at Mayville Schools that became models for the Intermediate School District.”

Students recall Mr. Tallman, a native of Pontiac, warmly. They loved his passion for nature and science, and the way he worked with them. When asked about the educator, students almost always respond by using one word, “Buzz!” – the word he used to correct them rather than using the dreaded: “Wrong!”



Laura Lawless Walker, Class of '90, said the science teacher treated all students equally, indifferent to what social class they came from or their family name.

"Mr. Tallman had a passion for science that could not be subdued by the sarcasm of high school students," Lawless Walker said. "His goal was to enlighten youth with the knowledge of science, and he was very good at what he did."

Shannon Marie Jankowiak Noth, another Mayville grad, recalls fondly the experience of being pregnant while attending his classes.

"Oh, Dear Lord, he wanted to deliver my baby with cow forceps," she said, laughing. "He was such a ham! Being pregnant in his class was cool because he always shared his microwave popcorn with me."



Many former students recognized that Bob Tallman's influence extended far beyond the classroom. He was active in the local community, Tuscola County and at the state level.

Susan Elaine Walker, Class of '70 who became a noted booster and activist across Tuscola County, said she is delighted to call Bob and Diane her friends.

"These are two very exceptional people and we are so fortunate to have had them leading our community," she said. "Bob and Diane are dedicated volunteers, unselfishly helping many individuals and families. Their hard work has resulted in countless humanitarian contributions. I am honored to know them."

Bob Tallman's love for nature and science is now well documented, but his first love was music and the clarinet. It began with his Aunt Betty playing Big Band music on a Baby Grand piano. As a fourth-grader, he was lead soprano in the church boys' choir. During his senior year in high school, he and the 1st Chair trumpet players taught beginning bands at three different elementary schools. Playing clarinet and singing 50 to 60 times a year rekindles his love of music to this day.

Mr. Tallman's affinity for plants started with a problem – trying to grow pine trees from pine seed. His solution was growing trees and shrubs in portable containers, which saved time and labor. A paper he wrote on the subject resulted in a four-year scholarship to the University of Michigan.

The Tallmans now have 51 tree species around their home and over 200 species of plants inside a two-story greenhouse attached to their home. A spinoff of this interest was the development of the Mayville Forestry Class that maintained village trees, township cemeteries, and the school grounds for 25 years.

Bob's interest in education led to work with Diane in right brain – left brain function. The learning studies spawned numerous Advanced Biology projects and spread learning techniques into the elementary school.

He continued making observations of the ways brain function affected student learning, incorporating these observations into his teaching style.

Studying botany enabled Bob to earn additional majors in Zoology and Limnology. He worked with the state Department of Natural Resources and state department of Environmental Quality on environmental problems. His study of human anatomy led to him becoming a Woodrow Wilson fellow at Princeton University where he learned about DNA fingerprinting and monoclonal antibodies. He started teaching DNA fingerprinting at Mayville High in 1993.

A lifetime of study and learning earned Mr. Tallman a number of advanced degrees. In fact, a casual observer of his education might conclude that he had more majors than the U.S. Army. Interesting, considering the conservationist started his education in the first grade of a one-room schoolhouse near Route 66 in Missouri where his dad served in the military during the Korean War conflict.



Accolades for Bob and his work continued to pile up over the years. He was named Michigan Biology Teacher of the Year in 1976. He's had numerous citations in Who's Who in America. Bob also helped develop the Science Objectives for the State of Michigan and wrote lessons for K-12 school children for nature centers.

After retiring from Mayville Schools in 2000 after 32 years, Bob taught graduate classes at Saginaw Valley State University, student teachers for Central Michigan University, and as an adjunct biology teacher at Delta College.

Bob and Diane met at the University of Michigan and will celebrate 52 years of marriage this year. They have three children: Colleen, Bob M., and Andy. The Tallmans have six grandchildren who keep them busy and interested in new activities.

After the tour and discussion concluded at the Tallman home, the visitor heads to his vehicle in the driveway. Bob follows, talking and gesturing the whole way. "But wait, I've got one more story to share with you," he says, holding up the index finger on his right hand. The visitor listens, but doubts that his well of stories is running dry.

That's what happens when a dedicated educator lives an overflowing life of discovery, learning and sharing. There's always going to be one more good story to tell.



Special Thanks to Dave Vizard '70 for this article about Robert "Bob" Tallman.

Dave Vizard, recently published "A Place for Murder," his fourth novel in the fall of 2018. He is an award-winning journalist, is the former managing editor of The Bay City Times and editor of True North Magazine. Read more about his novels from the Nick Steele series on page 16. You can also visit Dave's webpage: <http://www.davevizard.com/>

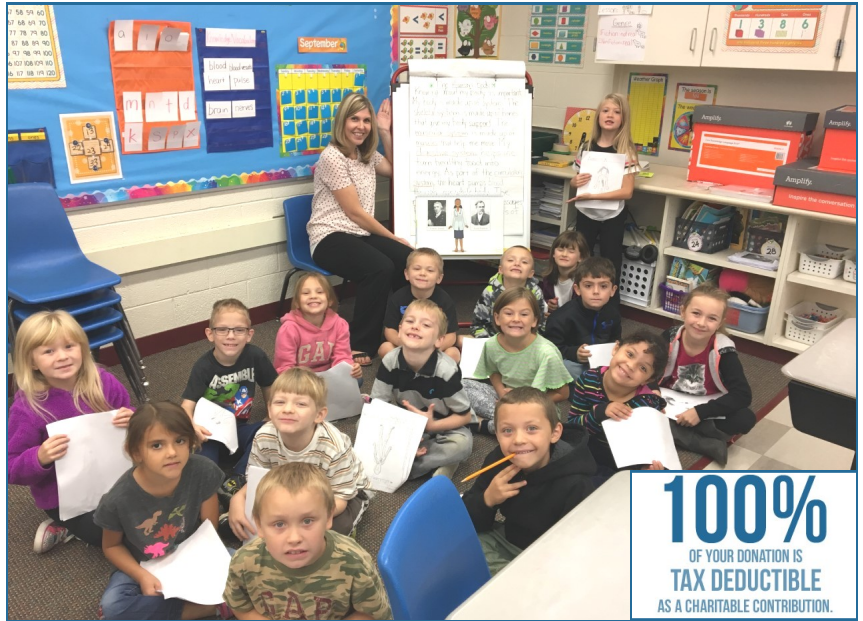
Making a Difference

Alumni Board President Patti Vollweiler '81, presented a total of fourteen (14) \$250 checks to Mayville teachers in September 2018, at the Board of Education meeting.

Teachers receiving these checks were able to purchase additional teaching supplies and items for their classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year.

Items made possible by the Cash for Class awards include Math Apps for Middle School students, various classroom supplies for a new High School teacher, goggles and white boards for High School students, funds for the Middle School Student Council, Headphones for Elementary students and a STEM Teaching Kit for Middle School classes, Spanish magazine subscriptions for Middle School and High School classes, headphones and upgrades to a reading area for Elementary students, earbuds for High School students, more books, seating and supplies for Fourth Graders, Display easels for two Elementary classrooms, a Q-Ball Microphone and mini flashlights for First Graders, Scholastic Magazines for Special Ed Students as well as a Resource Student Activity Book.

Your donations to Cash For Class enable teachers to offer many creative ways to help their students learn—by purchasing items that they would not otherwise be able to. Please consider donating to this Alumni program, your donations are tax-deductible. Mark your check “Cash For Class”. Any amount helps!



Ms. Miller's 1st grade class using the large easel purchased with Cash for Class award funds.

Cash for Class

Donate Now



Above: Mrs. Olar 's Third Graders enjoy using the Q-Ball microphone and tossing it back and forth. **Left:** Mrs. Olar's class was able to read during a power outage using mini flashlights purchased with Cash for Class funds.

Alumni Highlights...

Yearbooks now online!



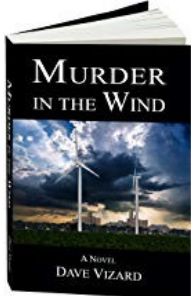
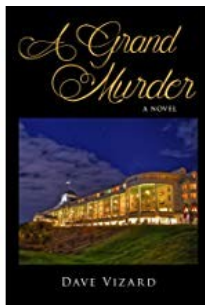
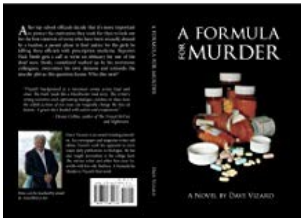
Madeline Jacques Marker, 85, **Class of 1942**, was recognized with a special tribute signed by former Gov. Rick Snyder, former state Senator Mike Green and former state Rep. Ned Canfield. Madeline taught school for 28 years, beginning in Kingston's Beverly School—a one-room schoolhouse for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, and ended her career by retiring from the Millington School District.



Thanks to the efforts and generosity of the Mayville Museum, the **MHS Yearbooks** can now be viewed online at the following web address:

www.mayvillelibrary.org/index.php/catalogs/yearbooks-mayville-hs-1951-1981

Currently there are yearbooks from 1951-1981 on the website. More will be added as they are scanned and digitally formatted.



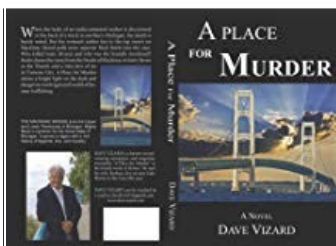
Dave Vizard, **Class of 1970** is a former award winning newspaper and magazine writer and editor. He has taught journalism and writing at the college level. "A Place for Murder" is his fourth novel in the Nick Steele series. "Murder in the Wind" is his third Michigan work of fiction. "A Formula for Murder" and "A Grand Murder" are his first two books. Vizard lives with his wife, Barbara, near Lake Huron in Michigan's Thumb region. He is an active member and co-founder of the Huron Area Writers Group, the Thumb Arts Guild, the Historical Society of Caseville, the Pigeon Lions Club, and the Caseville Eagles Club.

"**A Place for Murder**" is a Michigan mystery set in Bay City and the Thumb, but also focuses attention across Northern Michigan. The novel is part of the popular Nick Steele series.

Dave Vizard's books are available on Amazon, in paperback as well as Kindle versions.



Dave Vizard is pictured here with Alumni Board member, Mike Forsys '74.



When the body of an undocumented worker is discovered in the back of a truck in northern Michigan, the death is barely noted. But the woman's earlier ties to the top resort on Mackinac Island pulls news reporter Nick Steele into the case. Who killed Suzie Alvarez and why was she brutally murdered? Steele chases the story from the Straits of Mackinac to dairy farms in the Thumb and a ritzy den of sin in Traverse City. A Place for Murder shines a bright light on the dark and dangerous underground world of human trafficking.

- A Place for Murder

*From the Alumni
Association President*



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Time to look forward and plan for the future...

This past year the question was asked if the Alumni Association would set up and administer individual scholarships for alumni members, so I will try and answer that question. The Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) **-a tax exempt organization**, and as such we must follow the IRS guidelines for scholarship funding and administration.

We are able to accept donations specified solely for our scholarship fund, however, we can not operate to serve private interests of individuals, as the Federal Government prohibits this. In other words, we cannot award scholarship monies per individual requirements. This simply means that we cannot set up and administer scholarship funds for individual persons. Any and all monies that are donated to our Alumni Scholarship Fund in honor or memory of loved ones, must be awarded per the guidelines of our association by-laws, and in accordance with the IRS rules. Any alumni member is able to set up a scholarship fund and administer it on their own if they desire, but the Alumni Association cannot be involved.

The “awarding” of the 2018 Alumni Scholarship to a graduating senior at the 2018 Banquet, did not go as anticipated, and the senior who was chosen to receive the award, failed to attend the banquet or to respond to follow-up correspondence from the Alumni Association. I have talked before how difficult it is to get the seniors to apply for this scholarship, as well as the many other scholarships that are available to the seniors. I do not know how much easier we could make the process for them, nor do I think that it is too much to ask that the senior that receives the scholarship attend the banquet in order to accept the scholarship. This has been a part of the scholarship requirement from the very beginning when the Alumni Board first established the Alumni Scholarship Award.

It was after the 2018 Banquet that the Alumni Board decided it was time to switch our direction and take a look at how we could make better use of the scholarship for a graduating senior. Through the years the Alumni Association has been associated with the Norm Duncan Memorial, so the Board decided there needed to be more than just a recipient's name engraved on a plaque for receiving what I deem to be a prestigious award, given to a deserving, graduating high school scholar and athlete. Seniors “apply” for this award in theory just like they apply for any other scholarship—they are graded and scored just like most other scholarships. They are looked at for not only their scholastic ability but for their athletic ability and their overall high school career. The past recipients have proven themselves to be dedicated young men and women who strive to be the best at what they do—their accomplishments are lengthy to say the least and they are always goal oriented. Contrary to what some Alumni have thought, there is not and never has been any money associated with the Duncan Memorial Award. It was the unanimous decision that as of the 2018/2019 school year the recipient of the Norm Duncan Award would also become the recipient of the Alumni Scholarship. We hope with this decision, going forward, we can continue to help further the education of our young people, whether it be a college, tech school, or any other continued education that they pursue..

It is also my pleasure to announce we will continue our **Ca\$h 4 Cla\$\$** scholarships for Mayville Teachers for the upcoming school year. We can actually see how these mini scholarships are used in the classrooms and we can reach more than 1 or 2 students with them each year. (You can read more about Ca\$h for Cla\$\$ on page 14) The purchases the teachers are making are items that have more than a one-time or one year use.

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These teaching aids and supplies are used by dozens of students each day. Our goal is to help further and to strengthen the education of the students attending Mayville Schools. If we can help lessen the financial burdens for the educators who often reach into their own pockets to purchase items to keep the kids involved, engaged and thinking outside of the box —why not? We need to change with the times, to be creative in our own right and to think outside of the box as well!

In closing, I would like to offer my condolences to the family of long-time board member, Sandy *Howard* Secord—Class of 1960, who passed away on February 11, 2019. Sandy and John, both have been a very instrumental part of the Alumni Board for dozens of years. Their daughter Sherri (Secord) Elenbaum - '82 is also a part of our current Board. We will miss Sandy and her cheerful smile, and we are honored that she was part of our Board for so long, and helped with so many Annual Alumni Banquets, and served as part of our Scholarship Committee for many years. Her passing leaves an empty place in our hearts as well as our board.

If you can contribute even a small amount of time to the alumni, we would greatly appreciate the help. We also appreciate your donations of any amount to the Scholarship Fund or the Historian fund — every dollar helps!

“Let us remember: one book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world” -

~Malala Yousafzai~

Alumni Association President

Patti Vollweiler—Class of 1981

*Please feel free to contact us--
we would love to hear from you!*

2018-19 Alumni Board Members



Front Row:

Linda *Klarich* Forys '74,
Sherri *Secord* Elenbaum '82,
Sandy *Howard* Secord '59.

Back Row:

Mike Forys '74,
Daniel Dennis '77,
Krystal *Bodeis* LaBair '77,
John Secord '59,
Patti Vollweiler '81.

Missing:

Betty *Steele* Harris '61
Victoria *Vollweiler* Shields '75

Mayville Alumni Association Annual Report...

The Alumni Association held their election of officers and the following alumni (listed on the right) were elected for the 2018-19 year.

The Alumni Board met following the 2018 Banquet to review the banquet and to approve payments for the final bills and to begin discussions for the 2019 Banquet. The 2019 Banquet will honor the class of 1969 as 50-year-grads and the class of 1994 as 25-year-grads. It was decided that the Honorees for 2109 would be John & Sandy Secord.

The Scholarship Award was a main topic of discussion, following the failure of the senior who chosen to receive it to attend the Banquet and pick up the award. After discussion, the Board approved unanimously to change the criteria for awarding the scholarship. (The details are discussed on page 17 in the letter from the Alumni President.) The funds from the 2018 scholarship were rolled into the awards given through the Cash For Class Fund (page 14).

The other topic of discussion was the need to find a new cater for the Alumni Banquet. It was decided that the 2019 Banquet would be catered by Bryan's Catering of North Branch.

If you would like to join the Alumni Board, help with the Banquet or attend meetings, please contact us at:

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2018- 2019

Alumni Association Officers

President

Patti Vollweiler - '81

Vice President

Krystal (Bodeis) LaBair - '77

Secretary

Linda (Klarich) Forsys - '74

Treasurer

Betty (Steele) Harris - '61

Historian Editor

Victoria (Vollweiler) Shields '75

Members at Large

John Secord - '59

Sherri (Secord) Elenbaum - '82

Mike Forsys - '74

Daniel Dennis - '77



20 Treasurer's Report March 31, 2018—March 31, 2019

General Fund Balance on Hand Mar 31, 2018 **\$ 5,129.26**

Income:

132 Reservations @ 22.00 ea 2,904.00

2 Free Guests

12 Reservations @ 30.00 ea 360.00

70 Historians @ 5.00 ea 350.00

18 General Fund Donations 854.00

01 AT&T 10.00

01 Amazon Smil 13.68

Change returned for at the door 58.00

Total Income 4,549.68

+ 4,549.68

Expenses :

\$ 9,679.94

Ck 386 North Branch Rent All for 2018 50.00

Ck 387 Postage Stamps 1 roll 50.00

Ck 388 & 393 Walmart 2 Ink & Card Stock 129.90

Ck 389 Banquet Flyers—630 375.40

Ck 390 Labels & Historian Mailed 51.10

Ck 391 Change for at the door 58.00

Ck 392 North Branch Rent All 741.25

Ck 394 Touch of Class Catering—146 1,679.00

Ck 395 125 Historians 362.50

Ck 397 65 Historians 159.50

Ck 396 Postage for 6 Historians 4.39

Ck 398 Lion's Club 500.00

Ck 413 Post Office Box 38.00

Ck 414 State of MI Corp Fee 20.00

Ck 415 2 Meals at Zehnders for Hamilton's 75.00

Ck 416 North Branch Rent All—2019 50.00

Ck 417 Arrangement for Sandra Secord 30.98

Ck 418 Walmart—Paper and Ink 68.34

A Book of Checks 22.83

Total Expenses: 4,466.19

- 4,466.19

General Fund Balance on Hand March 31, 2019

\$ 5,213.75

Scholarship Fund Balance forward March 31 , 2018

\$ 1,898.80

Scholarship Donations:

25 Donations 4125.00

+ 4,125.00

Total Income to Scholarship Fund March 31, 2019

\$ 6,023.80

Expenses:

No Scholarship—Recipient didn't show up at the Banquet.

14 Ca\$h for Cla\$\$ at \$250.00 each

- 3,500.00

Scholarship Fund Balance as of March 31, 2019

\$ 2,523.80

Scholarship Certificate of Deposit Balance Forward March 31, 2018

\$ 12,172.53

Interest 2018/2019

+ 30.47

Scholarship Certificate of Deposit Balance on Hand March 31,2019

\$ 12,203.00

21 Deceased Classmates & Faculty January 2018—December 2018

Graduating Year	Name	DOD	Age				
1936	Hazel (Kennedy) Pearce	06-27-2017	99	1963	Ruth (Gross) Myers	11-19-2018	74
1938	Dale C Smith	04-13-2018	97	1965	Kay (Richmond) Weiler	07-25-2018	71
1939	Arne J Mettinen-Arnold	01-08-2018	95	1965	Patricia (Bellamy) Hunkins	10-18-2018	71
1940	Marie(Crankshaw) Gardner	02-19-2015	93	1966	Douglas P Krueger	07-07-2018	70
1944	Helen (Labiak) Yura	12-23-2017	91	1968	Joyce E Ford	07-25-2018	69
1947	Nadine (Rogers) Eller	06-29-2018	87	1969	Vickie K (Clark) Montel	06-09-2017	66
1948	Dorothy (Allen) Bell	05-31-2018	88	1969	Brenda K (Myers) Roach	07-19-2017	66
1949	Dorothy (Baber) Rose	10-07-2016	85	1970*	Jane Bodeis Touchette	11-26-2018	66
1949	Marion (Garner) Luscomb	12-01-2017	87	1974	Kathleen M Baker	10-15-2017	61
1949	Jane (Darling) Grant <i>(a.k.a. Janet Weeks)</i>	03-14-2018	88	1977	Kristina L Valentine	01-25-2018	58
1950	Gerold "Jake" Weiler	03-08-2018	86	1980	Kimberly (Lake) Reynolds	01-09-2018	55
1950	Joseph Szczygiel	12-05-2018	86	1983	Deanna (Kontak) Buhl	09-17-2018	53
1951	Grace (Longeuay) Ford	03-22-2017	83	1985	John P Bennett	03-27-2018	51
1952	Frances "Frank" Wood	02-22-2018	84	1990	Tracy (Louks) Dean	08-08-2018	47
1953*	Donald Jay Robinson	03-18-2018	84	1994	Donny C Blackmer	08-16-2018	42
1953	Morley R TerBush	06-30-2018	82	2000	Megan M Fox	09-02-2018	35
1953	Kenneth R McNinch Jr.	09-16-2018	83	MHS Faculty & Personnel			
1954*	Donald J Brown	03-15-2018	82	1936	Francene (Blasius) Smith	06-29-2018	98
1954	Erwin R Proctor	04-20-2018	82		Teacher 1956/1962 & Counselor 1962/1979		
1954	Gail E (Harmon) Friday	08-23-2018	82		Francis Xavier Pliska	12-13-2018	87
1955	Gary M Muntz	12-12-2018	82		Band Director 30 Yrs. & Teacher 9 Yrs.		
1956	Harry C Brown	06-18-2018	80		Robert C Cudney	11-27-2018	84
1957	Gerald F Warmbier	12-06-2017	78		Teacher 1964 to 1980		
1957*	Dorothy (Weiler) Davis	06-19-2018	80		Lawrence "Larry" Coopes	06-19-2018	74
1957	Donald Lotter	08-07-2018	79		Teacher & Asst H.S. Principal 1965/2000		
1957	Karon (Maiers) Laviolette	08-20-2018	79		Charles L Gentner	07-03-2018	69
1958	Dale C Clark	04-17-2018	78		Tuscola Technology Center 1978/2003		
1959	Kenneth L Phelps	11-15-2017	76		Ronald J. Andrews	08-06-2018	84
1959	Nelson E Davis	01-25-2018	77		Teacher and Coach 1958-60		
1959	Thomas "Tip" Summersett	04-03-2018	78				

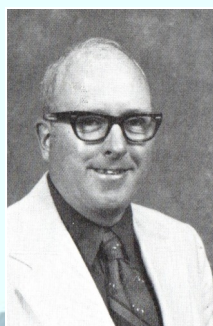
* Didn't graduate but attended Mayville with that class.



Francene Smith



Frank Pliska



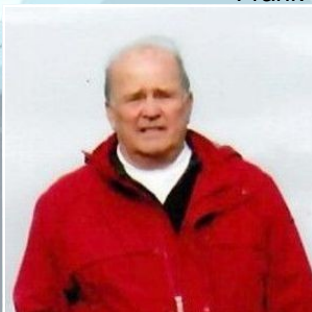
Robert Cudney



Larry Coopes



Charles Gentner



Ronald Andrews

*Words can't wipe away your tears.
Hugs won't ease your pain
But hold on to your memories,
Forever they'll remain.*

~Anonymous~



Thank You

On behalf of the family of Mr. Frank Pliska, Mrs. Connie Pliska would like to thank everyone who came to the funeral home and to the funeral to pay their respects, made phone calls or sent a card to the family, reached out on FaceBook or other social media with kind messages, and donated to the Frank Pliska Music Scholarship.

"Thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathies and condolences in regards to the passing of Frank Pliska."

~Mrs. Connie Pliska~

Class of 1984 Class Reunion—2019

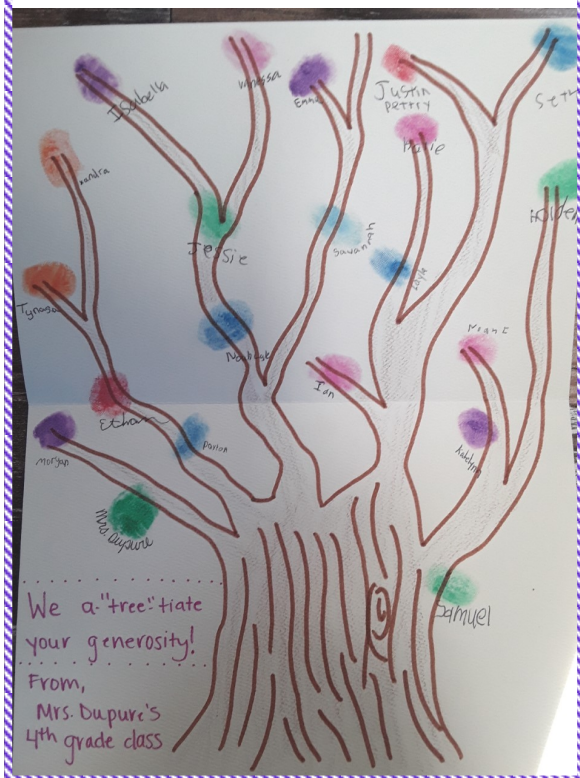
Bay City Boatlines 80's Night.... August 9@6 PM

TICKETS GO ON SALE MARCH 1st. Please log on and buy your tickets asap, they will probably sell out fast, and it would be nice if the Class of '84 took up most tickets. Please pass the word! - *Helen Crawford*

Come party to all your favorite 80's songs on The Princess Wenona Showboat! Ticket Includes: - Three Hour Cruise aboard the Princess Wenonah (Rain or Shine) from 7 - 10 p.m. - Includes dinner (casual onboard buffet) - Cash Bar for soft drinks, beer, wine and mixed drinks open throughout the evening. - Live Music by "Slick Jimmy" - Dress is casual. 80's attire encouraged! Advance tickets only \$47pp

Order online at www.baycityboatlines.com

Thank You from Mrs. Dupure's Fourth Grade Class for Cash for Class funds that allowed them to get books, seating options and supplies for their classroom.



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Charlotte (TerBush) Brown
Louise (Powers) Bastian
Frances & Connie (Sugden) Pliska
Carol (Hormel) Friday
Richard K & Mildred (Woern) Fox
Dr. Michael S Pezo
Duane Lindsay
Elaine (Sugden) Haydock
Thomas K Andison
Daniel T Ignotov
Joanne (Bacon) Baker
Sue (Graham) Fox
Matthew & Angela (Chaney) Steele
John Gabalis
William and Patricia Hamilton
Charles A Vat
Larry Fryers
Larry and Jean (Fritz) Hiiter
James N Long
Mitchell and Krystal (Bodeis) LaBair
Ronald J Andrews – MHS Faculty
AmazonSmil Anonymous Donor

Arlene (Gohs) Robinson
In Memory of
Dale H Robinson
Charles L Crosby
In Memory of
Evelyn (Crosby) TerBush – Class of 1958
James L Crosby – Class of 1955
Milan T Ignotov
In Memory of
Sophie Ignotov – Former MHS Teacher
The Class of 1956
In Memory of
Harry Brown – Class of 1956
Helen (Nickert) Fisher – Class of 1936
Ruth (Nickert) Moyer – Class of 1924
Audrey (Hormel) & Ron Phelps
In Memory of
Ernest W Ihrke - Class of 1943
Eleanor (Phelps) Ihrke – Class of 1944

Dale & Patricia Wingert
In Memory of
Tony Robinson and Gerald Brown – Class of 1959
The Class of 1953
In Memory of
Kenneth McNinch Jr, – Class of 1953
Donald J Robinson – Class of 1953
Morley R TerBush – Class of 1953
Elizabeth (Traubenkraut) Lambert
In Memory of
Leona (Traubenkraut) Mikesell Class of 1936
Richard & Diane (Sugden) Smith
In Memory of
Gerold E Weiler – Class of 1950
Ronald L Fox
In Memory of
Hildred (Lester) Moss – Class of 1936
Harriet (Westover) Obrien
In Memory of
Raphael (Ray) Obrien—Class of 1946
Patti Vollweiler
In Memory of
Margaret (Teeple) Vollweiler – Class of 1954
Erlinda (Titus) Dost
In Memory of
Leonard C Titus – Class of 1927
Marilyn (Seddon) Wells
In Memory of
Virginia (Seddon) Jensen – Class of 1948
Tom Wargo
In Memory of
Larry Davison – Class of 1960
Duane & Patricia LaBair
Mitchell & Krystal LaBair
In Memory of
Dorothy (Allen) Bell – Class of 1948
Barbara Friday-Fox-Barlow
In Memory of
Floyd Friday '63, Phyllis (Friday) Bellamy '57,
Dallas Bellamy '58, Glen Friday '49,
Patricia (Nowland) Ide-Wilkenson '54.



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