

Dear Classmates,

Our 11th class reunion was one for the record books. Broken bones; ladies in stunning tops; a man with no pants and an inspirational invocation.



It was worth the price of admission. I think I can speak for everyone; the Norwin Class of '66 55<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion was a blast. It was great to see everyone again. We have all gotten better looking. Even though John Gutt said I was twice my size, I told him I did it on purpose so I would be easier for people to see from across the room. Coming from California, Texas, Wisconsin and Florida, we gathered for two nights to enjoy good food, drink and lively conversation. Again, my hat is off to Paulette and Jack for a job well done. I truly appreciated their time and effort to make things happen. Their efforts have earned them the opportunity to do it again in five years. A special thank you to Tom Steiner for our deceased classmates tribute display and Sally Herbster Ralph for assisting Paulette. I was touched, as were others, with Cindy McClintock Hall's well thought out dinner prayer and have included it below:

### *Prayer*

*Father God, whose abiding love sustains our world, with glad hearts we gather here in celebration of our shared histories. In deep gratitude that stretches back through the years, we remember the strong friendships forged in our youth. We give thanks for the devoted lives of teachers, coaches, mentors and family whose generosity nurtured us as we grew. Tonight even as we rekindle old friendships, we are tenderly mindful of our friends and classmates who are no longer with us on earth. We give thanks for their lives, and we pray for peace and comfort to those*

*who grieve their loss. May our time together be joy-filled as we share memories of days gone by and news of where life's journey has taken us. Give us grace to recognize our mistakes from the past, so that we might have forgiving hearts. May our personal reunions be shaped by kindness and laughter, and may the stories told and retold tonight bring delight and good will. We give thanks for the food we share tonight, for the hands who harvested, prepared, and now serve it. And as we enjoy this meal, may our festivities be a toast—in honor of and thanksgiving for those who had a part in our lives at Norwin High School over fifty years ago. Bless this reunion time. May these moments together lead us to treasure ever more fully each beat of our hearts and every new day life brings us.*

*With the hope of God's peace in our world we pray, Amen*

Because we share such strong high school bonds and memories in our minds and hearts please plan on attending our **60<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion to be held September 18 and 19, 2026.** Spread the word to our classmates we did not see this time and mark your calendars! If needed, please schedule **all hip replacements, knee replacements, back surgeries and gall bladder** operations prior to our event. Please inform Jack or myself if you change your email address. Our Norwin.org website may go dark for a few years and then get resurrected a year or so before our 60th reunion. Our Norwin Class of '66 Facebook page is free and will always be available for announcements. Be safe, enjoy life with family and friends and I'll see you all in 2026 or sooner! Hugs and Kisses.

Dan Casagrande

PS Sonnet Lee Kettren did break two bones in her left wrist. She is sporting a cast and may need surgery. If you would like to reach out to her, call 724-382-5385.