

Milestones to celebrate in 2019

Congratulations to the below listed classes as they celebrate their milestone this year !!!

75 yrs . Drummer '44

70 yrs - Drummer '49

65 yrs. - GCHS '54

60 yrs - GCMS '59 - Mary (Kelley)
Holsten, John Swanson

55 yrs. - GCHS '64

50 yrs. - GCHS '69

45 yrs. - GCHS '74

40 yrs. - GCHS '79

35 yrs - GCHS '84

30 yrs. - GCHS '89

December/ January

*Happy BirthdayHappy
Anniversary*

Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year

Class of 1959 prepares for 60 reunion in 2019 !

Mary Kelley '59 Holston and John Swanson '59 are already working on their 60th class reunion for 2019. They ask that anyone in their class with email to please send an email (with your name) to either Mary or Jim. they have may email addresses, but can't identify some of them. Thank you in advance. John emails to their class, so you should be able to respond to his email.....if not, you can email me (Carla) and I will forward your message.

Increase postage in January !!!

As you may have heard, the first class postage will increase by \$0.05 in January. We have a number of 'hounds who are are the mailing list. I am asking that if you wish to continue to receive the Newsy, please consider sending 12 stamps (that will cover 1 year of Newsy mailed to you. You can mail the stamps to the Festival PO box. Thank you in advance.

Although Gibson and immediate surrounding areas didn't have a white Christmas, the lights downtown and around town were quite pretty. Personally I am used to a White Christmas and missed having it. but the cold did remind all of us that we are in the middle of winter !!!

As you may or may not know, WGCY's Gary McCullough '72 has been having health issues since August that have side-lined him for awhile. We all wish him a quick recovery and return to WGCY radio. Son Frank, daughter Ashley, Tom Benefiel and Ross Brown and others have been holding down the fort along with Deb at the helm.....They are all doing a great job !

Please keep them all in your prayers.

**Whatever happened over the past year,
be thankful for where it brought you.
Where you are is where you're meant to be.**

**My mind is like my internet browser:
19 tabs open, 3 of them frozen
and I have NO idea
where the music is coming from !!! (Ha ha)**

**Do you ever pay bills so much that when you
have money left over, you be like.....
what did I forget to pay ?????**

Seven prayers for 2019

- May your health improve.**
- May your finances multiply.**
- May your worries disappear.**
- May your pain be less.**
- May your plans work.**
- May 2019 bring Healings,
Blessings and Miracles.**

**The tears you cried in 2018 watered the seeds
that are about to grow in 2019.
Have faith and believe !**

**Keep calm and be crazy. Laugh, love and live it
up because this is the oldest you've been and
the youngest you'll ever be again !!!**

**My people skills are fine....It's my tolerance for
idiots that needs work !!!!**

Thoughts and Prayers to the families of :

May God grant you strength and peace during these difficult days.

Wayne Henry Petersen- Colfax, IL - December 2, 2018. Survivors include wife Betty Petersen, children Marcia (Gary) Buchs, Marc (Kelli) Petersen, Mike (Kimberly) Petersen, 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, stepson Michael (Rita) Peters, 2 step grandchildren, 4 step-great-grandchildren and a sister. Mr Petersen was the owner of Petersen Motors in Fairbury and in 1987, purchased Jones Motors in Gibson with his 2 sons. He also was a veteran of the US Army, serving 1952 to 1954.

Charles Finn '51 - Champaign, IL - December 8, 2018. Survivors include wife Blanche, son Steven Charles Finn, daughter Pamela Finn Trueblood, grandson Robert Steven Finn and granddaughter Jennifer Marie Trueblood, and cousins Maxine Stroh, Ray Stroh and Anita Lahr. He served in the US Army Reserve on active duty for 2 years and with the Army Reserve for 6 years. He was a supporter of numerous activities including the Dike Eddleman Scholarship fund at the University of IL and was a historian of the Galloping Ghosts (Red Grange's life story).

Sharron (Oneal '59) Lightner - Largo, Florida- December 14, 2018. Survivors include her husband Charles 'Buck' Lightner, children Kandi (Charles) Kline, Eric Kline, Diana (Rick Labie) Shubert, 3 grandchildren and brother Dennis '62 (Buffy) Oneal.

Donald Lee Kelley '56 - Gibson City, IL - December 27, 2018. Survivors include son Richard '92 (Linda) Kelley, daughters Eva '88 Hood and Joan '90 (Brian) Birdsong, 6 grandchildren and sisters Evelyn '57 Kelley and Mary '59 (Jerry) Holsten. Don was an Army veteran serving 1959-1961 in Germany.

M & W Revisited

Compiled monthly and posted on our website for your viewing.

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NOTE—New address >>>>>>**Send any news to Carla at**

47cmoxley@gmail.com

Pictures to post on website - Doug Brooks '73

Festival Plans and Reservation Forms will be

available in FebruaryStay tuned !!!

12th Greyhound Festival

Saturday, July 20, 2019

(Annually 3rd Saturday of July)

Mark your calendars now!!! and plan to join us.

Correction - Robert Nickrent (Dod. - Oct. 3, 2018) was the son of Marcie (Loy '63) Nickrent and Bob '62 (Pat) Nickrent. Prayers offered.

Preparing for Festival Memorial Board

I am requesting that all classes submit your latest list of your classmates who you would like added to the Memorial Board at the Festival in July.

Please email your list to Carla at 47cmoxley@gmail.com. In 2018, I set up a Memorial Board to honor and remember our classmates who are no longer with us. I would like to expand that this year to include more classes. Thank you.

Always say a Prayer (ASAP)

for all of our classmates who are facing health issues (listed here or not)

Jessie (Donner '41) Roesch, Betty '53 Moser, Marvin Kumler '58,
Nancy (Conover '58) List,

Bill Dueringer '64, Tess (Royal '67) Powell, Gary McCullough '72,
Nancy Dueringer (wife of Tom Dueringer '74)
and any Greyhounds who might be homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

May God's peace and strength be with you.

Note : Let me know if there is anyone you want added to this list. In order to preserve privacy, only those names are printed that have

Again I want to thank you all for your continued support of not only the 'Newsy', but the Annual festival !!!!