

60th Reunion Memories to Share from the Class of 1959



Jerry Husby, Art Reese, Tom Katalenich, Ron Whitmore ,Bob Zuver, Chuck Stoll

We had a wonderful 60th reunion and would like to share the highlights with those of you who were unable to attend and share our thought of the reunion with those who were able to attend.



Victoria Shick-Campbell, Marjorie Sheldon-LaMothe



Bob Stetler, Marge Sheldon-LaMothe, friend, Tom Katalenich

There were 19 classmates in attendance, plus spouses and significant others for the weekend events. A few of us began the weekend with a Friday luncheon (9 of us), as we were in the area early enough to get together to start sharing our memories.



Bill DeLind, Marjorie Sheldon-LaMothe, Sharon Ron Whitmore



Jim Flanders and spouse there.

There were 16 of us at the Friday evening social, where we were able to “mingle” and become re-acquainted. Rod Ellis, from the Okemosalumni.org, spoke to us about the alumni website and why he would like us to join the site (It’s Free), and share Okemos memories and follow classmates activities, from not just our class, but all class years. If you have not visited the site, please do and review the “Homepage”, as we have several classmate bio’s from our class listed

Carol (Hoke) Dunn invited any of us who had some extra time, during the weekend, to visit Pat (Zalewski) Lundberg, at the Diamondale Care Home, where she currently resides. A few of us were able to visit Pat and her husband Keith, and it was a nice opportunity to include Pat in our activities. Pat seemed alert and happy to spend time with those who were able to visit with her.



Carol Barnard-Ridenour, Carol Hoke-Dunn

At the Friday evening event, we ask those in attendance to think about some of their favorite memories, teachers and any other events, which would make our Saturday night a memorable event.

On Saturday evening, Ron Whitmore graciously handled



Walt Schreiner, Fred Hoffecker, Bob & Mary Zuver

the “MC” duties, and did his usual outstanding job, as such. Victoria (Shick) Campbell and Lynne Prather, pinned names of some other classmate in attendance, to our back and told us we could only ask “Yes/No” questions, to figure out the name on our back. Lots of fun. Also, Victoria and Lynne gave us two questionnaires to complete – One about prices and costs of things in 1959, as well as a questionnaire with 4 very personal questions, as a survey (reprinted below). Well, the “Survey” proved we went to school in a gentler time without the stress’s kids have today. Also attached is a “PDF” copy of the OHS smoke signal, which was placed for each of us to read – very interesting. Also, we have included several pictures taken by Tom

Katalenich, so you can see for yourself who was in attendance.

There were comments from about 8 classmates, who were unable to attend, which were shared with the group.

The teachers who were discussed were, Mrs. Grinnell, Mrs. Davis, Mrs, Kelly, Mr. Kapala, Mr. Kiley, Mrs. Schramm, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Wilzer (remember her), Mr. Webster from our 11th grade History/English and wrestling coach, Mrs Clemow, Mr Arisum (Principal). Nothing derogatory was said and the “Laughs” were genuine and many.



Victoria Shick-Campbell, Lynne Prather, Chuck & Harriet Stoll

Those who were not able to attend, but who spent a lot of time and effort to make this event a success, were Joe Luttrell, Dave Davidson and Don Hill.

Finally, special thanks to Judy (Hulkonen) Reese who coordinated the event venues and organized the activities. Bob Stetler served as a “Right Hand Man” for Judy, and a special thanks to everyone that attended the reunion for making this a wonderful evening.

Bob Stetler ‘59

Mary (Dreps) Woods had prepared a nice “Memories Phamplet”, on our deceased classmates, which was greatly appreciated, by all. A very nice “Slide Show-The Fabulous 50’s”, of scenes from the 1950’s as presented on an overhead TV screen, as edited by Dave Davidson. Also, Carol (Barnard) Ridenour brought he Scrapbooks, with pictures of almost all of the reunions, over the past 60 years.



Art and Judy (Hulkonen) Reese

1959 OHS Sexagenarian Smoke Signal

60th High School Reunion August 10, 2019

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

Chuck Stoll, President; Lee Anderson, Vice President; Judy Hogle, Secretary and Harold Spross, Treasurer are to lead the class of '59 onto graduation. Missus Grinnell, Clemens and Davis will sponsor. "It's like herding cats," reported Stoll.



ZUVER NAMED ALL-STATE

Tackle "Smiling Bob" ZUVER was named to the Detroit Free Press All-State football team because of his powerful work on both offense and defense.

The OHS football record (6 - 1) tied for Ingram County League title. The highlight of the season was a 70 yard punt by quarterback Chuck Clausen to the end zone for the...



QUEEN AND KING

Diane Kely and Lee Anderson were elected OHS Homecoming queen and king. "They represented our class with grace and style," gushed one admiring onlooker who asked to remain anonymous.



45TH ROSE BOWL

January 1 - The University of Iowa Hawkeyes defeated the University of California Golden Bears 38 - 12. It wasn't a very good game.

TOMAHAWK PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED

Carol Price, Editor-in-Chief of this year's Tomahawk yearbook, receives high accolades for the outstanding quality of the publication. "I couldn't have done this without my superb staff of Diane Grota, Karen Adams, Ron Whitmore, Betsy Fox, Tom Katalenich, Vicky Shick, Karen Steffre, Lynne Prather, Jim Jones, Meredith Marshall, Beverly Brunnn, Carolyn Paty, and our sponsor Mrs Reed." said a humble Price at the book launch party.

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Okemos High School Class of 1959

60th Reunion Survey

Think back to when you were in high school...

Did you smoke cigarettes? Yes 2 No 17 Don't remember___ Rather not say___

Did you drink alcohol? Yes 3 No 16 Don't remember___ Rather not say___

Did you do drugs? Yes___ No 19 Don't remember___ Rather not say___

Did you have sex? Yes 2 No 15 Don't remember 2 Rather not say___