

**50th Reunion
Irvin Classes of
1960, 1961, & 1962**



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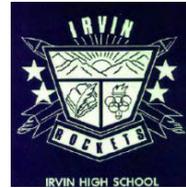
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Irvin Fight Song
Fight IRVIN Fight ROCKETS
Fight, Fight, Fight
Add glory to your name
Oh, let's show them all
How to do it right
We're going to win this game
Team work and spirit
Will make you shine
When E're we play the game.
If ever we lose
We will never complain
But forever to win our aim



Alma Mater
Irvin High School, hail to thee
Red, white, blue in majesty
Honor, truth and loyalty
Spirit formed from
this our creed
With our heads held
high with pride
Even when like turns the tide
As we pledge our loyalty
We will always honor thee.



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This publication is dedicated
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WELCOME

The Planning Committee welcomes you to the 50th Reunion for the Irvin Classes of 1960, 1961, and 1962. We hope you have a great time and that the memories you take away will be cherished forever. As has been stated many times, we only have one 50th high school reunion in our lives so let's make this one the best ever.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mary Knight McGarr for inspiring a group of her former students to "get off the dime" and make the Reunion a reality. She also provided valuable information and insights for organizing an event such as this. We could not have done it without her.

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INTRODUCTION

The early '60's - Think about how our world has changed since then. On the bright side, today we have color televisions, computers, the internet, cell phones, faster cars, cheap air transportation, Medicare, no more military "draft" requirements, birth control pills, Viagra, Viagra, and more Viagra. And who would have thought in 1961 that we would put a man on the moon?

On the down side, since 1960 the United States has lost 60,000 killed in Vietnam, the National debt has gone from \$300 billion to \$14 trillion (over \$70 trillion when you include unrecorded liabilities like Medicare and Social Security), a major portion of our production base and jobs have transferred to Asia, and we have the ever-present terrorist threat as evidenced by the demise of the Twin Towers, the airport security debacle, and the presence of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And much the same kind of reflection can be made when we look at what's happened in each of our personal lives. All of us can recite any number of "good" experiences (the attainment of education and/or employment goals, marriages, the birth of children/grandchildren), new friends/houses/cars/whatever, travel, and on-and-on. Then there were the "downers"—loss of parents/loved ones/jobs, realization that some life goals will not be achieved, and other similar experiences that we don't want to recite. But while each of us has enjoyed our own individual set of good times and endured the bad times, we have two things in common that we all share—(1) we are still alive and kicking, and (2) WE ARE IRVIN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What better time to celebrate both our 50 years of life experiences and our 50th high school graduation anniversary than at the CLASSES OF '60, '61, and '62 50TH REUNION? There is no question as to the fact that we intend to celebrate like there is no tomorrow.

Another important point—this will be a celebration of "equals"—there will be no "prima donnas!" The agenda will show the same degree of respect, appreciation, hospitality, and gratitude to each and every participant whether you were an "A" or "D" student, a nerd, a student council member, a juvenile delinquent, a cheerleader, a wall flower, a football player, or a shy student who stayed in the "background." The celebration festivities will include something for everyone and will be designed to highlight the special ambiance of El Paso—there will be the football game, dancing to the '50/60's music, multiple menu selections at the banquet, etc, etc. (Written by Clyde Jeffcoat)

IRVIN HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

Irvin High School opened in September of 1959. It was named in honor of Dr. O.C. Irvin, Dr. E.H. Irvin, and Mr. C.M. Irvin. All three of these gentlemen made great contributions to the El Paso School Board, and their combined efforts spanned a 76 year time period.



Dr. O. C. Irvin



Dr. E. H. Irvin

In 1882, Dr. O. C. Irvin was chosen to be the secretary of the first school board in El Paso. He saw the building of the first El Paso school. Before Dr. Irvin's term expired, his dream of a good high school came to fruition when a new school building, which included high school facilities, was opened on Montana Street at the present site of the YMCA building.

Dr. E. H. Irvin was a physician in El Paso. He served on the school board during the years 1910-1913 and was president during 1912 and 1913. Dr. E.H. Irvin made El Paso High School a reality to help El Paso's overwhelming growth problems when a four block site was chosen in the Alexander Addition for a new high school.

Mr. C. M. Irvin was a native El Pasoan who graduated from El Paso High School in 1921. He served as a member and president of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and the Sun Carnival Association, and was the president of the school board from 1955 through April 8, 1958, when he retired.



C. M. Irvin



H. E. Charles

At the time of Irvin's opening, Mr. H. E. Charles was the Superintendent of El Paso Public Schools. Mr. Cecil S. Bean was Irvin's first principal, and Mr. Boyd Caffey was the first assistant principal.



Cecil S. Bean

The rocket was chosen as the school's mascot because of Irvin High's close affiliation with the military. On that same line, the patriotic colors of red, white, and blue were chosen by the coaches and school board to represent Irvin pride.

IRVIN HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

At its opening, Irvin held classes for grades 7 through 12. In the fall of 1960, the seventh graders were no longer a part of the student body.

The first person to graduate from Irvin was Janice Burchfield Brooks. Her graduation ceremony took place on January 21, 1960, and there has never been a mid-year graduation ceremony since.

The first President of the student body was Greg Rystad ('59 - '60). The Queen of Irvin's first Homecoming in October 1960 was Joyce Dickson ('61). The National Honor Society has been an integral part of student life from almost the beginning of Irvin's existence, the first induction being in 1961.

The Observer, the school newspaper, and the Orbit, Irvin's yearbook, were both started in 1960. Lynn Shirley wrote the Fight Song in 1961 and graduated with the class of '63.

The class of '61 was an energetic group which started the school year with business and continued doing things until graduation. The first Senior Meeting was for the purpose of selecting representatives to the Student Council while the second regarded ordering senior rings. The Sadie Hawkins Dance, which netted \$142 was the first major project followed by the Blue Christmas Dance. The Senior Follies production was a very successful and entertaining endeavor, which was presented three times. The Senior Play, "The Curious Savage," was also well received. The senior trip (remember the tasty oranges!), the dedication of the senior gift to Irvin, the senior banquet, prom and graduation were sparkling memorable events that rounded out a great senior year.

The first Irvin-in-Orbit pageant and coronation ball was in the spring of 1962; Cindy Elmore was the first queen. Over the years the pageant and dance has been held in the Irvin Main Gym, the Hilton Inn, the Top of the Inn Holiday Inn, the El Maida Shrine Temple, the Fiesta Hall, the Vista Del Sol Hall, and in more recent years the Centennial Club on Fort Bliss and the Camino Real Downtown.

The Alma Mater was written in 1965 by a member of the class of '66, Fred Moon. This song is sometimes played at Irvin's graduations.

IN MEMORIAM

We gather humbly before God tonight to remember our fellow Alumni who have passed away. We are thankful for having had them in our lives as classmates, as companions, and as dear friends. Comfort us as we remember and celebrate these lives well lived. Amen

CLASS OF 1960



Jack Hensley

Lonnie Brown

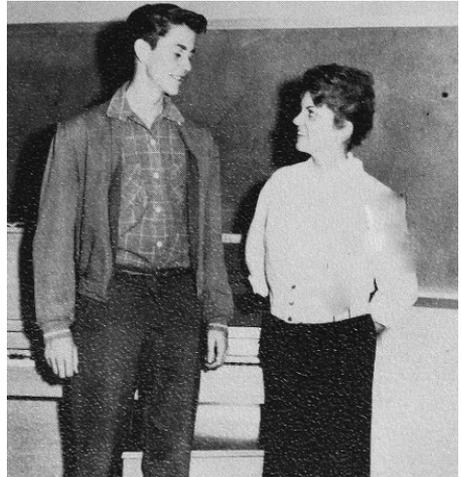
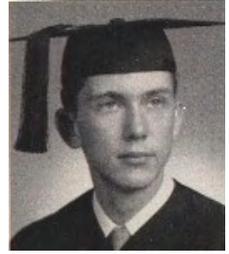
Please note: The In Memoriam section includes those deceased Alumni we have been notified. We apologize for any omissions. The individual In Memoriam pages are for those deceased Alumni we were able to acquire information and/or pictures.

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Blette III '60

Judy Rettinger '60

I was thumbing through the 1960 Irvin Yearbook recently and saw a picture of Jim Blette and that reminded me of a story. Jim and I were friends and he had a great sense of humor resulting in me laughing all the time. We were selected "Most Talented Seniors." Jim was a talented pianist and I a budding artist both of whom were honored to be selected to bear that title. We were called out of class to report to have our picture taken for the yearbook. I was wearing a leopard skin print dress (rather tight too) that I did not want to have my picture taken. I went back to my class where we were working on the Irvin Observer and asked Judy Rettinger to change clothes with me. At first she said, "Oh no! I am not going to wear THAT dress." She finally relented and while I donned her straight black skirt, white shirt, and yellow vest, she pranced around in my leopard skin dress and walked up to people saying things like, "Me Jane, you Tarzen?" and "I seem to have lost my chimp, has anyone seen him?" Sadly within the next year, I heard both Jim and Judy had been killed in separate accidents. That yearbook photo is a sad but sweet reminder. They were both smart and talented and gone too soon. (Provided by Judy Allison Arnwine)



Jim Blette III and Judy Allison Arnwine were voted Most Talented Seniors.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Francione '60

Richard was a resident of Truth or Consequences, NM, at the time of his passing. While Richard worked for Frito Lay, Inc., for 27 years, his true passion was metal art (mostly western images and silhouettes) for which he was known world wide.

After graduating from Irvin, Richard married Joyce Letersky in September 1960. They lived in El Paso until 1967 when Richard's job required a move to NM. Richard and Joyce had two sons and four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Richard loved his involvement with his sons as a Cub Scout leader, 4-H, horses, rodeo, camping, and fishing and liked working on antique cars and hot rods. Richard and Joyce enjoyed western dancing every chance they got and going to the movies.



Richard had to retire from Frito Lay, Inc., due to heart problems. He passed away on 13 March 2010. Richard and Joyce were married for 49 1/2 years. Richard was a very special man who was honest and hardworking who loved his family and many friends. Those who knew him will miss his firm handshake and his sincere, "How are you doing?" Richard will be forever missed by all of those who knew and loved him.

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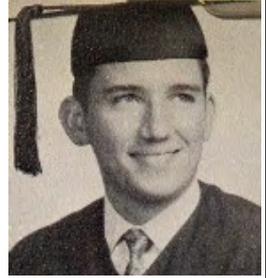
Walt Johnson '60

At the time of his passing on 3 February 1987, Walt was the Director of the Genetics Center at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals, a post he was named to in 1984. At this time, he was also Director of the Cytogenetics (pertaining to cells and genetics) Laboratory at CWRU as well as Director of the Vitro Fertilization Laboratory at McDonald Hospital for Women.

Walt received a PhD in evolutionary genetics in 1970 from the University of Texas. He began his career at CWRU in 1976 with a post doctoral fellowship in human genetics and clinical cytogenetics and was named Assistant Professor of medicine the next year. In 1984, he was appointed assistant professor of pediatrics.

Under his direction, CWRU's genetics laboratories grew to the largest provider of prenatal diagnostic services in Ohio. Walt was Chairman of the Ohio Cytogenetics Task Force of the Southeast Cancer Study Group. He was board certified in clinical cytogenetics and medical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. His work was published in numerous medical journals.

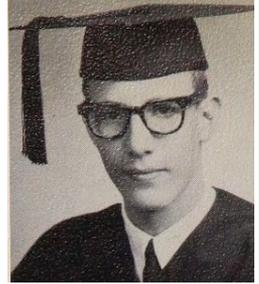
Walt had been married to Carole McCool ('61) and they had two sons, Ben and Ian. Walt also had a third son, Alex, in 1981 by his second marriage to Anne Andorn.



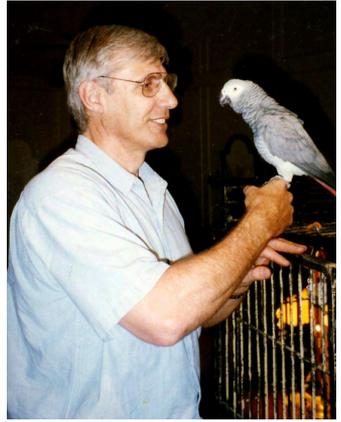
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Wes Maxwell '60

Wes Maxwell graduated from UTEP in 1966 with a BS in Education. He taught in El Paso Public Schools for five years. He met and married Beth Burrough (Irvin Class of '66) and they had two children.



Wes continued his education at Texas A&M University and graduated from Vet school. He enjoyed his 20 years as a small animal veterinarian in Arlington, TX. Unfortunately, his career was shortened by a diagnosis of a brain tumor in 1997. He passed away 6 August 1998. He is greatly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. Although his life was short, it was full of adventures. (Written by Beth Maxwell)



IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to Wes Maxwell by Dave Roen

In 1970, I had decided an Air Force career was not for me and was considering my options. In addition to vet school, teaching was a possibility. I called my old friend Wes Maxwell who had become a teacher.

When I told Wes what I had in mind, he said, “Dave, I don’t know how bad the Air Force is, but I can guarantee you teaching is worse.” He was teaching Junior High in a particularly tough section of El Paso and I happened to call shortly after a parent had challenged him to a fistfight and some students had set his car on fire in the parking lot. Wes said he had applied for Veterinary School.

I had known Wes in High School and came to know him well while we were undergraduates at Texas Western College in El Paso. He was always up to something. He organized hiking trips up into the desert mountains exploring old mine shafts. He and two friends scraped up money to take scuba diving lessons, then rode a rickety old school bus all the way across Mexico to dive off the coast near Cancun. He recruited another friend and I to go down to the Big Ben National Park on the Texas Rio Grande and float through the deep canyons on old rubber air mattresses. He talked me into skydiving back when the sport was primitive, unorganized, cheap, and considerably more dangerous than it is now. He came bull riding with me on the agreement that I would get out on the judo mat with him. I have to admit, I reneged. Wes was the Texas State Judo Champion and had studied in Japan at the Kodokan. He helped me get part time jobs and showed me how to stop flunking so many classes and still party and have adventures.

IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to Wes Maxwell by Dave Roen (Cont'd)

When he was not accepted to vet school the first time, he quit his teaching job and moved with his wife to College Station where the vet school was. By the time I got out of the service and started taking pre-vet courses at Texas A&M, he had made some excellent grades as a graduate student there and learned all the insider secrets to getting accepted to vet school. He gladly shared what he knew with me even though we would be competing (with five or six hundred others) for one of the 132 openings. I was in El Paso to observe veterinary practice during a school break when my wife called to excitedly tell me I had been accepted to vet school, but her tears of happiness started when she told me our friend Wes had also been accepted.

He helped me get through vet school. Wes could always find something good to point out about you just when you needed a boost. After graduation, Wes and Beth stayed in Texas and we moved here (Clarkston, WA), but we got together at class reunions, visits to Dallas, a salmon fishing trip to Puget Sound, and we celebrated 20th wedding anniversaries together scuba diving in Hawaii. Wes became an avian medicine expert and I called him several times for help when confronted with a sick bird to doctor.

And now I'm just back from his funeral. Their last Christmas card informed us Wes had just been diagnosed with a highly malignant cancer. I'm not sure I would have applied, been accepted, or gotten through vet school without his good humor, enthusiasm, optimism, encouragement, and the example he set for me of persistence. He was the best friend I ever had.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert “Bob” C. McGarr ‘60

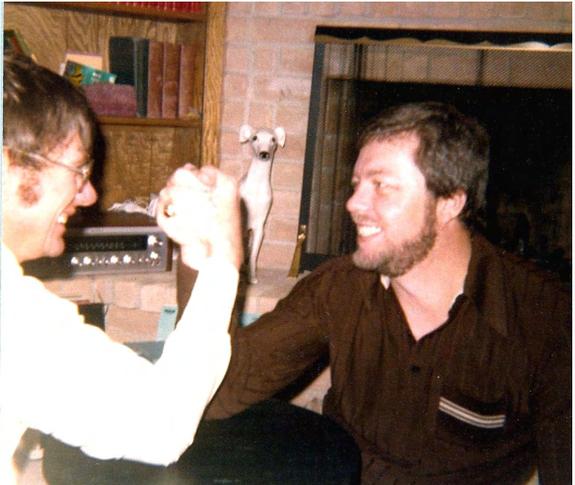
Robert Charles McGarr was born August 31, 1943 in New York City.

After graduating from Irvin, he served in the U.S. Army in Japan from 1960 to 1963. He worked in Morse Code and Cryptography and had the highest security clearance obtainable. He then worked for the State National Bank of El Paso from 1963 to 1972 and was an Assistant Cashier and Installment Loan Officer.

He attended the University of Houston and received a BBA in Organizational Behavior and Management in 1977. He graduated Cum Laude. After graduation, he worked for Texas Instruments in Houston, Texas as a Supervisor and Leasing Administrator from 1976 to 1978. He also owned several small businesses.

He was President of the El Paso 20-30 International Service Club, a coach for El Paso Boy’s Baseball from 1966 to 1972, Treasurer of the El Paso Rehabilitation Center from 1968-1970, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the March of Dimes in El Paso from 1969 to 1972 and a member of the Executive Committee of the Sun Carnival from 1970 to 1972.

He was married four times and had one son, Lance McGarr. He passed away on November 23, 1992 in Houston, Texas, and is buried in the Houston National Cemetery.



Mike and Bob McGarr in 1978.

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CLASS OF 1961



Judith Brefczynski



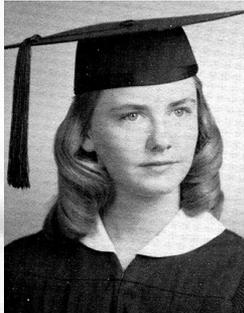
Karen Butler



Sus'n Hunt



Vaughn Knighten



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Ken Renner

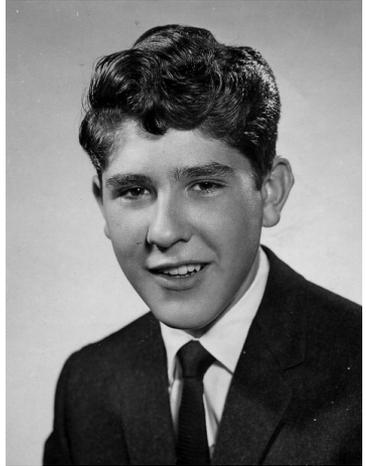


Charles Saathoff

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Howard Collins '61

After graduating from Irvin, Howard served in the ASA Branch of the US Army. After returning to El Paso, he began working at White Sands Missile Range where he met his future wife, Joyce. After graduating from UTEP. Howard opened a Real Estate office in El Paso. He later moved to Myrtle Beach, SC, in the 1970's where he established a Real Estate Brokerage and began a non-franchised distribution of Coors beer to



several eastern states. In the early 1980's, Howard started importing Jamaican rum and liqueurs, which he bottled in his plant at the Port of Charleston using his private label. In the late 1980's, Howard returned to Texas - Brownsville and San Benito, where he established a bass boat manufacturing operation.

Howard passed away suddenly in 1991 of natural causes. He was survived by his wife, Joyce, sons, Richard and Justin, and brothers, Harold and Auburn.

IN MEMORIAM

Don Hale '61

Don Hale entered training for the Federal Bureau of Investigation soon after receiving his degree from Texas Western College. Being a Special Agent in the FBI was a big part of Don's identity. Don had an interesting and exciting career during some tumultuous times in our country - from the Vietnam war, the Weathermen (a terrorist group in the 70's), and in the 80's, the Jamestown suicides and assassination of a Congressman in Guiana, and the Colombian drug cartel conflicts to name a few of his assignments. Don was a few months from retirement from the FBI and was building his dream home on Lake Conroe, near Houston, when he suffered a fatal heart attack.



Family and friends were really big in Don's life as well. He came home often to visit his Mom and he always spent some of that time with his buddies, like best friend Larry Squires, and always touched base with as many old friends as



possible. The other theme high in Don's life was his love of Rock and Roll from his high school days. He collected the music and the icons, like his restored fifties juke-box and coke machine. His last acquisition in that vein was an authentic bumper-car that needed loving restoration.

He is pictured here at a 1989 family reunion with his real life Rock Stars, his daughters, Sherry Faye and Paula Dawn, shortly before he passed away. (Provided by Don's sister, Schatzi Hale Eldridge)

IN MEMORIAM

Larry Roundtree '61

Larry passed away 11 June 2008 after losing his gallant battle with lung cancer. He was survived by his wife, Patsy, and a son and daughter and three grandchildren. Larry was a self employed contractor before working as a pumper specialist with AEP/SWEPCO for 25 years in Pittsburg, TX. He was a member of Lions International and the Order of DeMolay.

As a child, Larry was brought up on stage to perform with Boxcar Willie and the '50s At The Hop in Branson, MO. Larry was a man of faith and a member of the First Baptist Church in Pittsburg, TX, where he so enjoyed his Sunday School class each week. Larry dearly loved his family and was a great husband and father. (Provided by Patsy Roundtree)



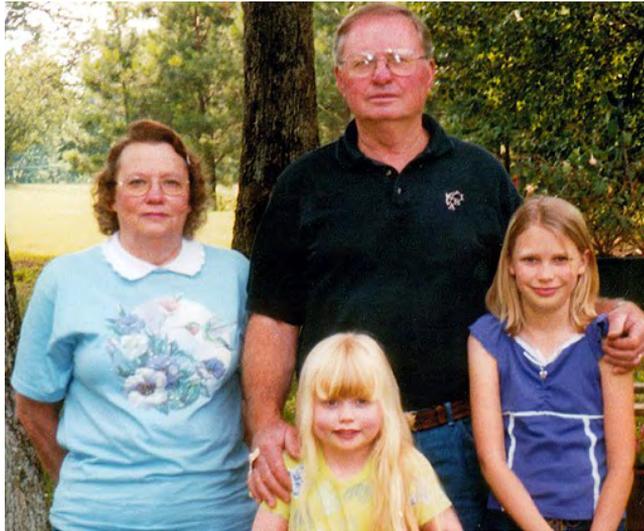
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Julia (Judy) Ann (Woodell) Smith '61



Julia (Judy) Ann Woodell Smith was born February 21, 1943, in Durham, NC. Judy was a self-described Army brat. While growing up in North Carolina, Florida, and Texas, she considered El Paso to be her hometown. In 1961, Judy met and married a soldier named Dorris Eugene (Gene) Smith. They had two sons, Russell and Lance, and two granddaughters, one born to each son. Judy and her husband moved to Nashville in the mid-1960s. Judy was a homemaker until 1975, when she went to work for Sears as a customer service supervisor. She retired in 1991 and she and her husband moved to Waverly, TN.

Judy loved reading, travel, ceramics, arts and crafts, jewelry making, quilting and sewing. She embraced the computer age and loved playing video games. Married for almost 50 years, Judy's husband preceded her in death in November 2010. Judy passed away on January 20, 2011, after a lengthy battle with breast cancer.



Judy with her husband, Gene, and granddaughters, Hunter and Katie.

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CLASS OF 1962



Bill Arket



Medardo Caignoy



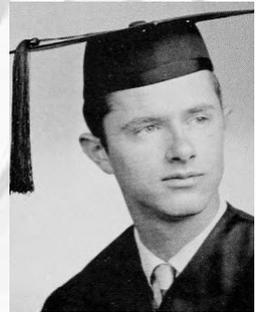
Mary Virginia Davis



Larry Gargano



Karl Gaston



Michael Gray



Robert Hiatt



Gary Paxton



Robert Pender

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CLASS OF 1962 (Cont'd.)



Judy Ellis Wood



Barbara Schafer

Howard Blackson

William Hirst, Jr.

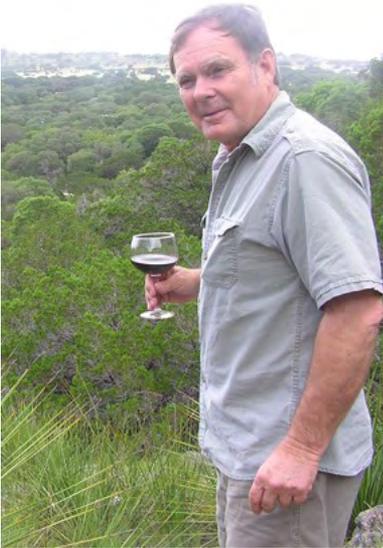
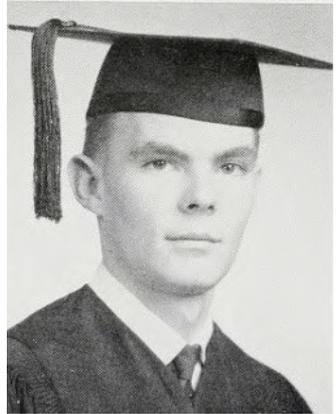
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Cary Carson '62

Cary was born on 15 May 1944 and passed away on Saturday, 15 September 2007.

He was a resident of Utopia, Texas, at the time of his passing. After serving a career as a Navy pilot, Cary retired from the Navy and became a commercial pilot for American Airlines. He later retired to a ranch near Utopia, Texas, and pursued his hobby of flying small aircraft for recreation.

Pam Cotten came to know Cary better than she ever had in high school because Cary and his wife frequented Fredericksburg and they shared mutual friends. Cary is sorely missed by his family and friends.



IN MEMORIAM

Sharon Ruth (Davis) Jeffcoat '62

Sharon was born in Temple, Texas. During her secondary education years, Sharon attended a number of schools throughout Texas and New Mexico, relocating frequently because her step-father was a construction worker. Sharon and Clyde Jeffcoat were married in March, 1961, and have two children, Carlton James Jeffcoat and Sonya Jeffcoat Archer. Carlton has gifted Sharon and Clyde with 4 grandchildren, and Sonya has presented them with 16, yes - 16, grandchildren. Carlton was the first offspring of an Irvin graduate to also graduate from Irvin High School.

Sharon was a warm, joyful, and loving person with an intellect second to none. In addition to being a wonderful mother and wife, Sharon had a distinguished business career. Admired by all, Sharon was the consummate professional who succeeded at whatever endeavor she undertook. She was a Certified Public Accountant in the great state of Texas, who became the Controller of Kemp Motor Company, and later established her own CPA practice and was the owner of four thriving auto-related businesses in San Antonio.

After four years of valiantly fighting off relapses of breast cancer, Sharon finally succumbed to the disease in 1991. She was dearly loved, and will be forever missed, by her family, friends, and all who knew her.



Clyde and Sharon at a high school dance.

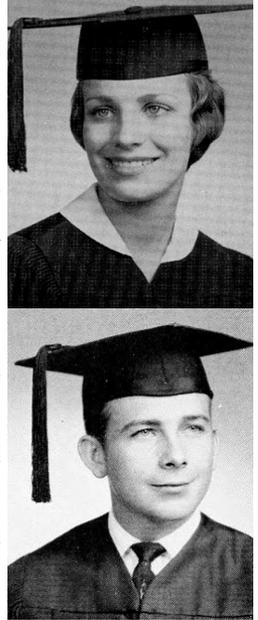
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Virginia (Ginny) Flynt '62

Richard (Rick) Howard '62

Below is a picture of Ginny Flynt and Rick Howard before the start of the 1962 Senior Prom. Ginny and Rick were married right after graduation. An amusing story about them is when posing for the senior class group photo, Ginny and Rick were sitting on the front row holding hands. When the photo came back, Mr. Bean was outraged by Ginny and Rick holding hands and would not let the seniors have their group photo because of the hand holding.

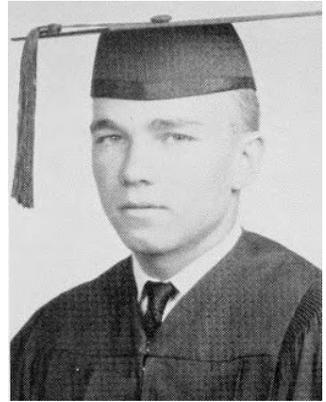
Ginny passed away on 9 March 1997 after a ten year battle with brain cancer. Rick passed on 29 April 1998. They had been divorced for several years but remained good friends. They had one daughter, Lori.



IN MEMORIAM

Dick Johnsen '62

After graduating from Irvin, Dick attended Texas Western College where he entered the Co-Op Program at White Sands Missile Range. After graduating with a BS Degree in Mathematics, he started work full time at the Missile Range. Several years later, Dick transferred to the Department of Energy in Washington, DC, where he steadily rose in the ranks. In the early '80's, Dick resigned from Civil Service to start his own consultant company. In 1997, Dick passed away after losing his long battle with depression. He was survived by two daughters.



Dick was one of my best friends. We started on the Co-Op together, after which both of us worked at White Sands Missile Range. We partied a lot together and remained close friends after he moved to Washington, DC. We visited each other whenever possible. Dick was a kind and generous person with a quick wit and keen sense of humor. His passing was a great loss to

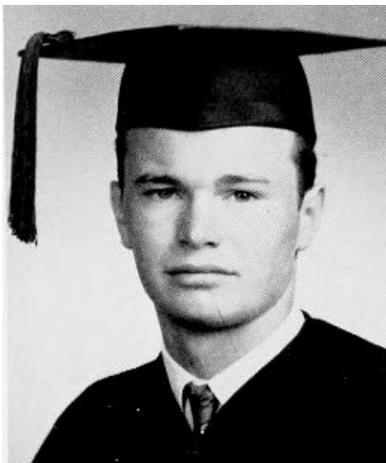
those who knew and loved him. (Written by Bryson McCool; picture provided by Manny Lopez.)



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Ronnie Lee '62

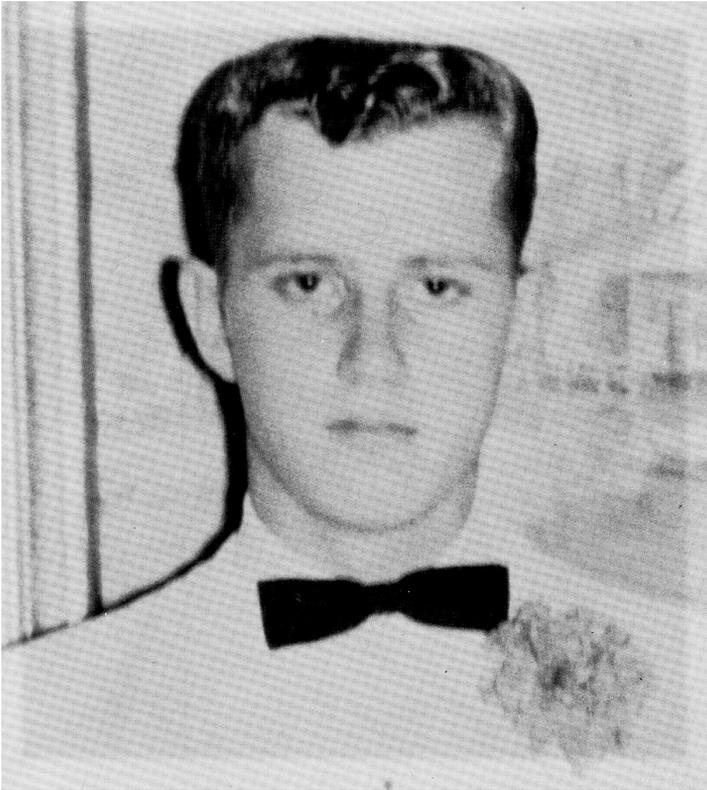
Ronnie Lee played baseball and basketball at Irvin. After graduation, he moved with his family to North Carolina. He passed away on 17 July 2002. Ronnie had one son, Ronnie, Jr.



IN MEMORIAM

Dennis Robinson '62

Dennis Robinson was a gas company kid who was everyone's friend. He passed away in a car accident on 1 February 1962. In Ann Hamilton's annual, he wrote, "Well if I'm lucky, I'll graduate next year." That luck wasn't with him.

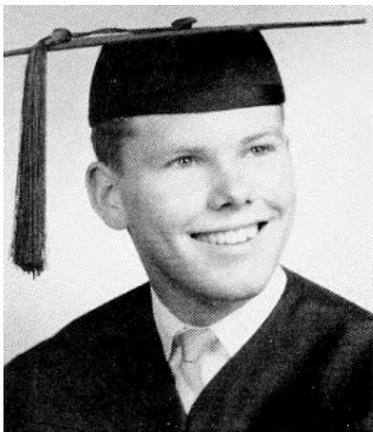


IN MEMORIAM

Ken Scott '62

Kenneth "Ken" D. Scott, age 58, passed away 12 February 2003 from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Paula, a son Kenny, two grandsons, two brothers and a sister.

He graduated from Irvin High School and the University of Texas. Ken spent most of his career (23 years) as a computer programmer in northern California, returning to El Paso in 2000. He finished his career at Raytheon. Ken enjoyed cycling, travelling, and gourmet cooking.



Ken Scott with his son, Kenny.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert (Bobby) Vass '62

Bobby graduated from Irvin High School in 1962. While at Irvin, he played varsity basketball for two years. Upon graduation, he went to then Texas Western College and played freshmen basketball. He graduated from what is now the University of Texas at El Paso in 1966. He became a teacher in the El Paso Independent School District in 1966 where he taught and coached until the 70's.



He moved to Indiana and taught there for a few years. While in Indiana, he became the waste water treatment manager for the City of New Albany. During this time, he was married for a few years. He left Indiana in the early 80's, moving to California to work for a consulting engineering firm in Pasadena. His specialty was training employees for operating newly opened waste water treatment plants. He died in November 1984 at age 40.

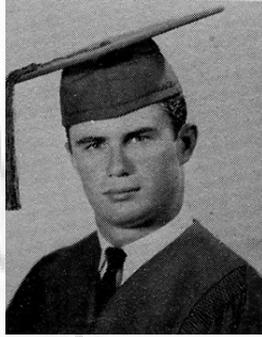


IN MEMORIAM

Irvin Alumni Who Gave Their Lives During the Viet Nam War



Robert Burciaga ('63)



Russell Wells ('63)

Reunion Schedule of Events

Friday 14 Oct 2011

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| Registration | In front of Hospitality Room | Noon - 5PM |
| Mixer/Visit | Hospitality Suite & Pitchers Sports Bar | 3PM - 6PM |
| Dinner* | Pitchers Sports Bar & Grill Jaxon's Restaurant & Brewery Shogun Steakhouse Cattle Baron Steak & Seafood Cattlemen's Steakhouse (Fabens) | 7PM - 9PM |

Saturday 15 Oct 2011

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| Breakfast | On your Own | |
| Tour of Irvin High School | | 10AM |
| Lunch | On Your Own | Noon |
| Sightseeing | Wyler Aerial Tramway (On your own) Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site | |
| Mixer/Visit | Reunion Hospitality Suite Pitchers Sports Bar (at Hotel) | Noon - 6PM |
| Banquet | Banquet Room (Cash Bar) | |
| Happy Hour | | 6PM - 7PM |
| Welcome/Opening | Remarks/Introductions | 7PM |
| Dinner Served | 7:15PM | |
| Memorial Service for Deceased Alumni | | 8:15 - 8:30PM |
| Party! Party! Party! (Attire: Casual) | | 8:30PM - Midnight |

Sunday 16 Oct 2011

Breakfast /Farewell Red Rim Bistro (In Hotel) 7-9AM

* The first four are very good restaurants within one mile of the Marriott. The Cattlemen's Steakhouse, which is also a great place to eat, is a 30-40 minutes trip east on I-10.

REMEMBER WHEN Sung by Alan Jackson

Remember when I was young and so were you
and time stood still and love was all we knew

You were the first, so was I
We made love and then you cried
Remember when

Remember when we vowed the vows
and walked the walk
Gave our hearts, made the start, it was hard
We lived and learned, life threw curves
There was joy, there was hurt
Remember when

Remember when old ones died and new were born
And life was changed, disassembled, rearranged
We came together, fell apart
And broke each other's hearts
Remember when

Remember when the sound of little feet
was the music
We danced to week to week
Brought back the love, we found trust
Vowed we'd never give it up
Remember when

Remember when thirty seemed so old
Now lookin' back it's just a steppin' stone
To where we are,
Where we've been
Said we'd do it all again
Remember when

Remember when we said when we turned gray
When the children grow up and move away
We won't be sad, we'll be glad
For all the life we've had
And we'll remember when

Remember The Rockets

At high school reunions,
Fond memories abound,
At least that's the word
That's goin' round.

At our ten-year reunion,
We weren't quiet thirty,
We drove fancy cars
And wore dresses flirty.

At the twenty-year bash
The whole class was there,
Polished and pretty
And putting on airs.

By the thirty-year mark
We were too busy to go,
What with kids and a mortgage
And spousal no-shows.

When four decades has passed
Our numbers were thinner,
But still we gathered
For a dignified dinner.

But fifty! Yeah, fifty!
Announced an e-mail,
You gotta be there
Make plans without fail.

So here we are,
Rockets true,
Showing our colors,
Red and blue.

This is just
A talented bunch,
Though their hair is sparse
And some have a paunch. Ahem.

Remember The Rockets (Cont'd.)

There's the guy
Known for his slide rule
And now he owns
A house with a pool.

And there she is,
Miss top ten,
The law was her aim,
She knew even then.

And the Homecoming Queen
No longer a thin thing,
Still fits into... well
Her Irvin class ring.

The bouncy cheerleader
Who failed at cartwheels,
Now works on her backhand,
Between fixing meals. (Not really)

What class can boast?
A railroad conductor,
A poet, a miner
A tennis instructor.

Don't forget
The welders and teachers,
There's even one
Aspiring preacher.

They've run businesses
And built a few boats,
They've earned more degrees
Than Quaker has oats.

But class is over
Our song has been sung,
We've done our bit
And now we're done.

See you for the 60th.

Pam Cotten and Linda Harris

Class of '60

Irvin's 1st football team (rated B-Team) did an outstanding job during the 1959 season although defeated by Austin in the first game and edged out in the last few minutes of the second game by El Paso.

Their first win occurred against Cathedral after they came back to score three touchdowns in the second half after being behind by two touchdowns. The most important game was played on 7 November when the Irvin Rockets, then in Second Place in the District, met the First Place Jefferson Foxes. After a scoreless first half, the Rockets rallied for two touchdowns in the second half while holding Jefferson scoreless.

The Rockets went on to win their final two games while Jefferson lost their final game resulting in Jefferson and Irvin sharing 1st Place District honors. Following is the record for the 1959 season:

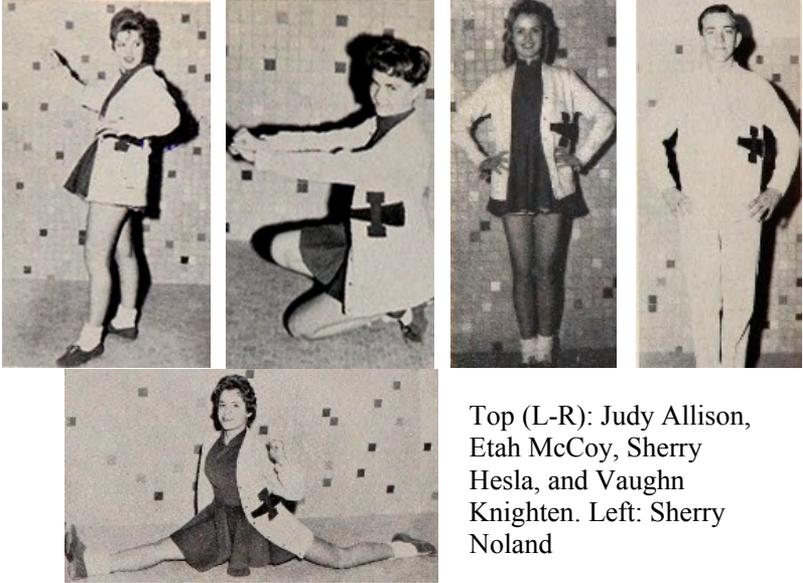
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| Irvin | 12 | Austin | 20 | Irvin | 0 | El Paso | 6 |
| Irvin | 20 | Cathedral | 16 | Irvin | 14 | Ysleta | 6 |
| Irvin | 36 | Bowie | 0 | Irvin | 21 | Tech | 14 |
| Irvin | 14 | Jefferson | 0 | | | | |



1959 Irvin Rockets Football Team (Letterman). (L-R) Kneeling: Jim Harris, Art Reeves, Al Barrera, Bob Brantner, Mike Brown, Jimmy Dyal, Virgil Gentry, Leslie Catoe, and Vernon Bolstad. Standing: Bill Hirst, Vic Duchene, Larry Finton, Craig Fallon, Jack Blankenship, Jean Springfield, Gary Paxton, Dick Beard, Vic Boozer, Dale Brantner, Larry MaChristie, Bob Berryhill, Dave Walker, and Ken Scott.

Class of '60

Varsity Cheerleaders



Top (L-R): Judy Allison, Etah McCoy, Sherry Hesla, and Vaughn Knighten. Left: Sherry Noland

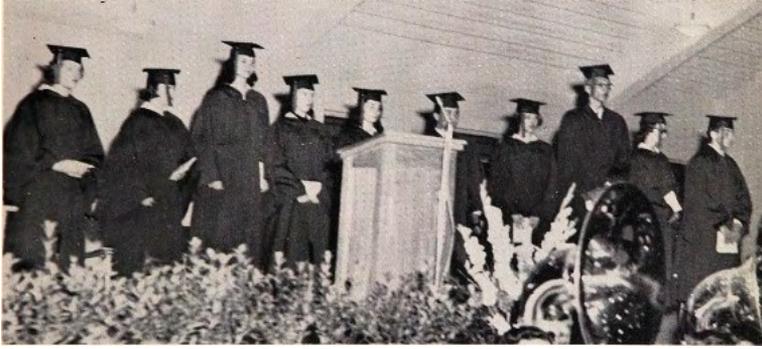
1960 Varsity Basketball Team



(L-R) Kneeling: Jerry Patrick, Bob Berryhill, Jim McClasky, Jim Woodberry, Mike Bilcher, and Bob Camisa. Standing: Jack Hensley (Manager), Bill Herst, Ronnie Middleton, Jim Ferris, Ronnie Taylor, Larry MaChristie, Kim Espy, Larry Finton, and Coach John Leonard.

Class of '60

Early Graduation 21 January 1960



Graduating seniors (L-R): Janet Parks (Valedictorian), Pat Meyer (Salutatorian), Edith Williamson, Linda Smith, Janice Burchfield, Tom Davison, Claudia Marsh, Charles Hacker, Marilyn Leddon, and Wesley Curtis (Harriet Keiser had already left the stage).

Senior High Honor Roll



Senior High Honor Roll (L-R). Front Row: Frank James, Judy Ellis, Carole Lindquist, Phyllis Stanchos, Corlea Haren, & Janet Rice. 2nd Row: Christoph Jupe, Glenda Atkinson, Yolanda Martinez, Sharon Conroy, Robert Swennes, Karen Soller, & Howard Upchurch. Back Row: Sharla Krager, Phyllis Gill, Lynne Teichert, Judy Rettinger, Charles O'Reilly III, & Bill Birdseye.

Most Popular



Regina Cronan



Don Gill

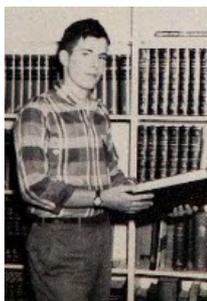
Class of '60

Christmas Dance



(L-R): Duchesses Susie Rogers, Sherry Noland, and Joan Freiberg, Lady-in-Waiting Claudia Marsh, and Queen Regina Cronan.

Student Council Officers



(L-R): Greg Rystad (President); Jack Smith (Vice President); Gina Cronan (Secretary); and Janet Kaiser (Treasurer).



Best All-Around Seniors: Gina Cronan and Greg Rystad.



Senior Favorites: Peggy Watson and Jerry Patrick

Class of '60

Judy (Allison) Arnwine

Judy married Don Arnwine in 1961 and they just celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary with a cruise. Judy and Don have a son and a daughter and eight grandchildren. Judy has been involved over the years in many community services including scouting and Casa Angelica (home for the severely disabled). She attended the University of New Mexico seeking a degree in Fine Arts and Liberal Arts. She worked for the Department of Defense as a budget analyst until retirement in 2002.

Judy is very happily involved in church and community - retirement is great. She enjoys oil and watercolor painting, biking, reading, gardening and cooking, writing short stories and poetry, noodling on keyboard, and genealogy (Judy found out she is descended from Scottish Highlanders and her husband is related to the Daniel Boone family).

Interesting School Story: Please see the In Memoriam page for Judy Rettinger and James Blette III.



Class of '60

Kathy (Rogers) Bowen

After graduating from Irvin, Kathy married Harold Bowen who was an Army helicopter pilot. They have three children, two boys and one girl, and eight grandchildren. Kathy and Harold lived in Germany for three years and Korea for two years as well as various military bases in the US. After Harold retired from the Army, they moved to North Carolina where their children finished school and college. During this time, Harold worked for Northern Telecom and Kathy worked for the Girl Scouts. In 1994, Kathy and Harold both retired and moved to Lake Gaston on the VA/NC border.



Kathy enjoys painting (oils), cake decorating and crafts.



Kathy and Harold Bowen

Class of '60

Jim Taylor

Jim is a retired Santa Fe Railroad conductor. As both an occupation and a hobby, he is currently the owner of Tin Man Construction & Steel Products and is also engaged in ranching where he and his wife, Wanda, raise registered Texas longhorns which leaves little time in a day but he is not complaining. Jim claims he is too old to rodeo or party (darn)!

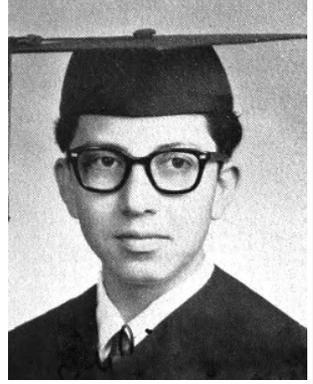
From Jim's perspective, he has survived and got most of what he wanted out of life. However, from others' point of view, he has been lucky to survive.

Life's been a good adventure to Jim and continues on same track. He's been lucky, banged up a little every now and then, but in good health. He is happy to be alive and functioning.



Class of '60

Julio Fierro



Class of '61

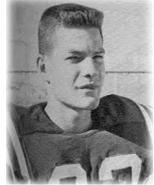
The Rockets met their first 4A opponent on 10 September 1960 when they played a strong Bel Air HS team before a large crowd of Irvin fans who travelled to Ysleta to cheer for their team. The bright spot of the game for Irvin came in the fourth quarter when the Rockets overcame opening game jitters and drove 70 yards for a touchdown by end Larry Finton. Following is the record for the 1960 season:

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| Irvin 8 | Bel Air 43 | Irvin 32 | Van Horn 0 |
| Irvin 18 | Fabens 0 | Irvin 6 | Marfa 6 |
| Irvin 0 | Deming 12 | Irvin 8 | Tech 32 |
| Irvin 32 | Cathedral 12 | Irvin 31 | Cobre 22 |
| Irvin 14 | Jefferson 32 | | |

Seniors on the 1960 Varsity Football Team



Most Valuable players for the 1960 season: (L-R) Bob Berryhill, Vic Duchene, and Dave Nichols



Vernon Bolstad



Bob Berryhill
Co-Captain



Vic Duchene
Co-Captain



Larry
Roundtree



Jean
Springfield



Richard
Beard



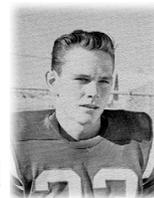
Larry Finton



Jim Larkin



Dave Nichols



Ray Wood



Virgil Gentry

Class of '61

Homecoming 1960 - the first homecoming game of Irvin High School was played before a large crowd of alumni and students in McKee Stadium on 4 November. The fired up rockets met the Cobre (NM) Indians and defeated them handily in a game highlighted by long runs by Dave Nichols. Scorers for the game were Gary Paxton, Vernon Bolstad, Dave Nichols, and Bob Berryhill.

Irvin closed its second basketball season on 17 February 1961 with a 15 wins - 10 losses season. Two of the outstanding victories came as the Rockets defeated the Austin High School Panthers, defending district champions, 48-44, and downed the Burgess High School Mustangs, 64-47. Seniors Larry Machristie and Tiger McClaskey were named to the All-District team at the close of the season for their outstanding performances. Leading senior scorers for the Irvin squad were Larry Machristie (426), Tiger McClaskey (370), Bob Berryhill (175), and Bentley Boggs (102).



Clockwise starting at bottom: Karen Propst, Linda Thompson, Jeannie McCoy, Etah McCoy (Senior & Head Cheerleader), and Gayle Thompson.

1961 Varsity Basketball Team



(L-R) T. Ramos, H. Palmer, Vernon Bolstad (S), R. Jeffers, M. Pilcher, Larry Machristie (S), Bentley Boggs (S), P. Ladegard, Larry Finton (S), B. Harris, J. Gillespie, Bob Berryhill (S), Tiger McClaskey (S & Captain) and Coach John Leonard. Kneeling are managers George Sevier (S) and R. Waller.

Class of '61

Homecoming '61



Joyce Dickson
Homecoming Queen



Sherry Hesla
Duchess



Etah McCoy
Duchess



Homecoming Court presented at the Homecoming Game and Dance.



Students enjoy doing the Bunny Hop at the Homecoming Dance.

Class of '61



Bob Berryhill asking fellow students to vote for him for Student Council.



Vernon Bolstad is the FHA Sweetheart Dance Beau.



Reverting to pre-school antics, these slap happy seniors celebrate Kid's Day with glee.



Students ready to board buses for Irvin's first football away game in Deming.

Class of '61



Senior Class Student Council Members (L-R): Seated - Sue Diamond, Steve Legg (President), and Cindy Anderson; Standing - Joanie Freiburg (Vice-President), Bob Berryhill, Kathy Cunningham, and Dottie Hocker.



Miss Mary Knight taught English to many of the '61 graduating class. She was tough but fair and if you received a good grade from her, you can be sure you earned it. Her outstanding teaching techniques, as well as the useful subject matter she taught, resulted in a very interesting and enlightening experience which helped prepare us for college.



Senior Class Officers (L-R): Secretary Pam Stratton; Treasurer Dave Nichols; Vice-President Vic Duchene; and President Richard Beard.



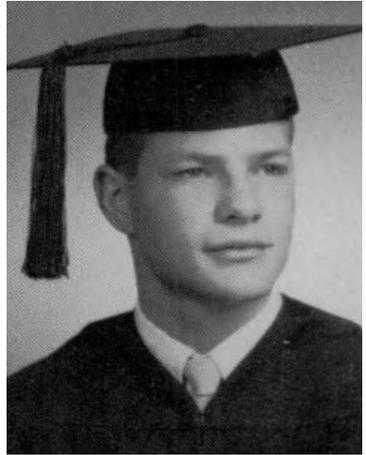
Irvin was already showing growing pains in only its second year! Did you have a class in one of these?

Class of '61

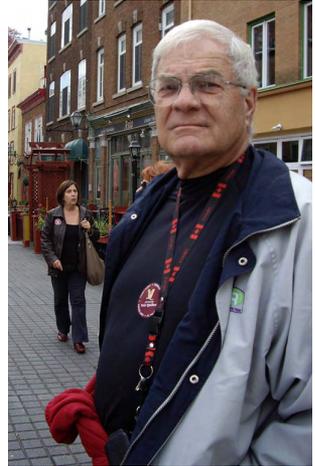
Vernon Bolstad

After graduating from Irvin, Vernon attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. He was employed by PPG Industries for fifteen years after which he worked for Zimmer Wilkens (Orthopedics) as Vice President of Sales. He retired 1 January 2010.

Vernon enjoys golf, woodworking, and ancestry research.



Vernon and his wife, Marsha, aboard ship during a New England/Canada cruise.



Vernon visiting Old Quebec City, Canada.

Class of '61

Vic Boozer

Vic retired after 35 years in aerospace at the Johnson Space Center outside of Las Cruces, NM.

Vic has four children and five grandchildren. He was laid off from the aerospace industry in September 2010 so he retired at the young age of 68. Vic likes to fish, hunt, camp out, hike and dirt bikes (motorcycles) in the desert. He also has several classic street motorcycles which he



likes to restore and ride. Vic says that even though he is retired, there just isn't enough time in the day to do everything he wants.

Funny Story: Vic had a morning chemistry class with Mr. Tarpley. Every morning on the way to class, he would stop in the cafeteria and buy a large hot cinnamon roll. He would sneak it into class, put it in one of the desk drawers, and eat it when Mr Tarpley wasn't looking. Vic thought he was fooling him. Well, at the end of the year, Mr. Tarpley told Vic that he sure had enjoyed smelling his cinnamon rolls!

Class of '61

Jane (Burke) Tuck

After graduating from Irvin, Jane relocated to Mt. View, CA, where she married Larry Finton. She worked as a Library Assistant there for four years. She and Larry then moved to Rohnert Park, about an hour north of San Francisco. She went to the Santa Rosa Junior College and was awarded an Associate of Arts degree. Larry and Jane had one son, Chris.



When their lives took different paths, Jane eventually met and married Jerry Tuck. He and Larry were friends before Jane and Jerry met and the three of them have retained that close connection to this day.

Jane and Jerry continued to reside in the Rohnert Park area until a year before Jerry's retirement in 2004, when they bought a house on six acres in Calaveras County. Chris and Erin, Jerry and Jane's 35 year old daughter, continue to live and prosper in Rohnert Park with their children: Chris' two sons and Erin's 1.5 year old daughter. Jerry and Jane share a passion for tennis, the SF Giants and traveling. Having taken Jimmy, the oldest grandson, to Germany during his 15th year, Jacob, his brother, is now closing in on that milestone and demanding "my trip" so next summer will see them showing Jake the sights of the Black Forest. An Irvin reunion in Fussen, near the famous Sleeping Beauty castle of Neuschwanstein, probably wouldn't be possible, Jane wonders?



Class of '61

Caroll (Cernaghan) Nesbit

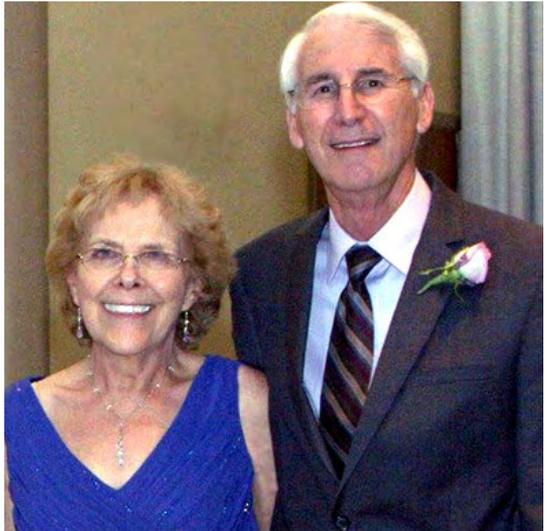
After graduation from Irvin, Caroll had no idea what career path to take. She only knew she didn't want to be a teacher or a nurse. So, she went to an Airline Training School in Kansas City. Upon completion in 1962, she returned to El Paso and was hired by Meston Travel Center as their first employee.



In 1965, Caroll and her husband, Dale, married and moved to the Jersey Shore area where he had been transferred. That was a most interesting experience for two people who'd never lived in the East before! In 1968, it was quite a surprise when he was sent to Vietnam with nine months remaining in the service. Unfortunately, they were already in transit before the Army figured it out. So away he went! When he returned from Vietnam in April 1969, they moved to his hometown San Diego, CA, where they still live.

Caroll and Dale have three children Craig born Dec. 1968, Christopher born June 1971, and Suzanne born Oct. 1976. They (and their spouses) have blessed them with a total of six granddaughters ranging in age from ten years to two and a half year old twins, and one grandson five months old.

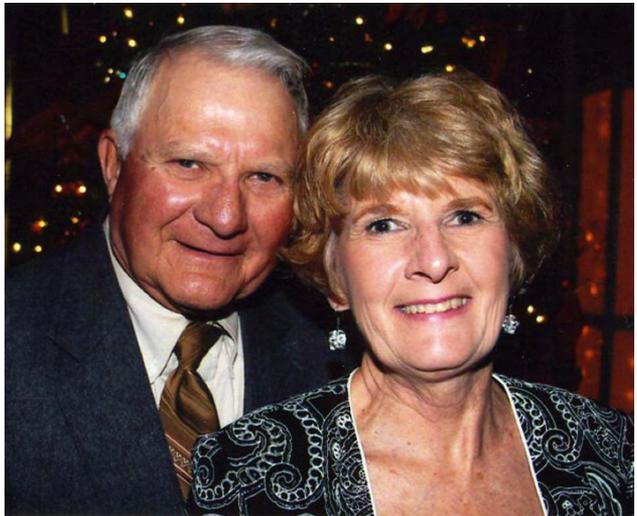
Caroll left the travel industry in 1968 to stay home with her children, but returned to work in 1980. She now owns and operates her own online agency, *honeymoons-in-paradise.com*. She feels very fortunate to have a career she really loves, and to have had the opportunity to visit so many wonderful places.



Class of '61

Carol (Davis) Love

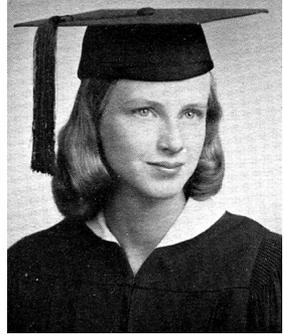
Carol is a retired school teacher who enjoys her grandchildren, bridge, and Devil's River. She and her husband, Tommy, reside in Sonora, TX.



Class of '61

Alta (Eaton) Goodnight

After graduating from Irvin, Alta attended Texas Western College where she received a BA in Public Speaking and Education in 1964. In August 1969, she earned a Masters Degree in the Education of the Deaf from Smith College/The Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, MA.



In 2004, Alta retired in Conroe, TX, after 30 years of teaching. She has a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. She is very active in writing groups and her church in addition to caring for her parents who are 89 and 91.

In December 1965, Alta was in a serious car accident resulting in her being in a coma for two weeks. Unfortunately as a result of her injuries, many of her memories of high school were lost.



Class of '61

Larry Finton

Larry is now retired and enjoys travelling, horses, and fishing with his wife Marty.

Funny Story: Mr. Cohen, who was Larry's English teacher, would take the class out and let him sleep before football games at home.



Marty and Larry ATVing on a cattle drive.



Larry and Marty snowmobiling in Utah.



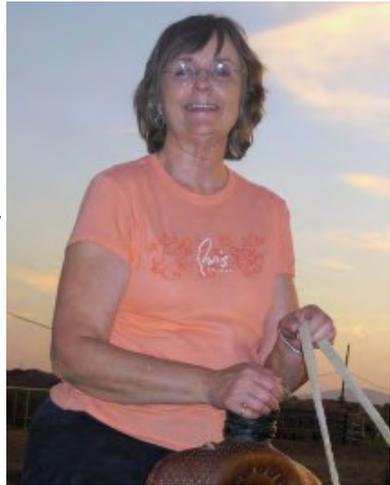
L-R: Mike and Janet Nichols, Marty and Larry Finton, and Sandy and Dave Nichols partying in Las Vegas.

Class of '61

Sandra (Harper) Bonilla

Sandy and her husband, Mario, live in Ferndale, WA. They have seven children - four boys and three girls - and eleven grandchildren.

Sandy is still teaching full time in an alternative high school that is on a Job Corps campus. She teaches for her local school district providing an opportunity for students in the Job Corps program to get a high school diploma. This year her program won the Golden Apple Award, which is the "Academy Award" for Washington State teachers. She and her fellow teachers were very proud to be a part of a program that offers a chance for a diploma to students who have not been



Sandy in Egypt with her daughter.

successful in other schools for a variety of reasons. She sees miracles in the lives of young people every day.

Sandy and Mario and their family have lived for the last twenty years only 10 miles from the Canadian border, and she can truthfully say she has lived on both the southern and northern borders and on both coasts of this amazing country after their many moves!

Class of '61

Beth Elaine (Hollis) Moss

Sadly there was no college for Elaine after graduating from Irvin. She worked at the State National Bank for four years. In 1963, she married Bill Moss. Her daughters Lauren, Lisa, and Charlotte were born in 1965, 1968, and 1974, respectively. Elaine was able to be a stay at home Mom while her girls were growing up. She returned to work years later at various jobs finally retiring in 2001. Elaine has done extensive research on her family history and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She is very proud of her heritage. She wonders if there are any other ladies in the Class of '61 that are a member of DAR? Elaine has nine grandchildren.



Interesting School Stories: During her senior year while playing basketball in PE, Elaine fell sharply on her left foot resulting in a sound like breaking bones. She had to be carried to the nurse's office on a stretcher which was so embarrassing. Elaine is amazed that to this day she can type without looking at the keyboard thanks to what she learned in her typing class at Irvin. She thought singing with the All City Choir at Austin was a great experience. Elaine remembers the fun that was had by all during the senior class trip to Ruidoso where there was an ice sculpture in the party room.



Elaine with her daughters.

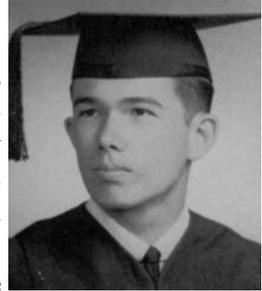


Elaine and Bill at Charlotte's wedding.

Class of '61

Clyde Jeffcoat

After high school, Clyde graduated from Texas Western College (with honors) with a BBA. He received an MA from Central Michigan University and completed the International Security Affairs Program at Harvard. He is a CPA and a Certified Government Financial Manager.



Within the Federal Government, Clyde served as the Director of Finance and Accounting of the Army, Senior Accountant of the Air Force, Deputy Auditor General of the Air Force, and Director of DOD Information Technology Operations. He attained the Senior Executive Service Level 6 - the highest career position in the Federal Government.



Within the private sector, Clyde operated an international financial systems consulting practice for 12 years and also served as managing partner of the CPA firm, Jeffcoat and Associates, LLC.

Most recently, Clyde has served as President and CEO of IMC Magnetics Corporation (an aerospace manufacturing company with factories in the US and Mexico) and Power Systems, LLC, a company that designs and manufactures high voltage power supplies with operations in New York, Canada, and Mexico.

Funny Story: On a lark, several students including Clyde decided to 'test' the product safety of the roll-up shades cords that were labeled 'fire proof' in Miss Knight's (Mary McGarr) English classroom. Guess what, the cords were 'fire proof' but not 'smoke proof' - the ensuing barrage of smoke caused quite a ruckus. Needless to say, it made an indelible memory with Miss Knight considering that it was her first year of teaching. Forty years later, she saw Clyde's name on Classmates and called him to see if he was the same turkey who set fire to her shade cords. Clyde readily admitted and offered to take her to dinner to make amends during an upcoming trip to register his daughter at Rice University. Clyde and Mary have been great friends ever since. That was Clyde's first Irvin Reunion (of sorts)!

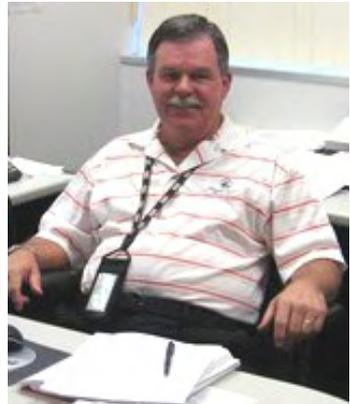
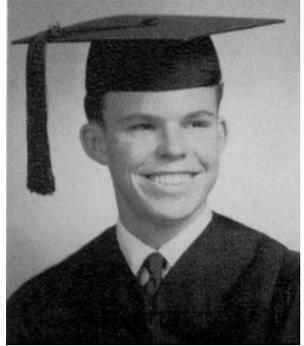
Class of '61

Steve Legg

Steve graduated from Texas Western College (now UTEP) in January 1966 with a BS Degree in mathematics. After graduation, he went to work for the IBM Corp. in Huntsville, AL, as a computer systems programmer. From 1966 to 1973, he worked on the Apollo and Skylab Programs. In June 1973, Steve went to work on the Space Shuttle Program for IBM.

In 1979, he transferred to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida working on the Space Shuttle Program. He continued to support the Space Shuttle Program as a manager until the last shuttle flight, the Atlantis, which occurred 8 July 2011 - 21 July 2011. He retired from the space business 12 August 2011.

Steve enjoys golf, fishing, and travelling.



Class of '61

Joyce (Letersky) Francione

Joyce met Richard Francione when they were both in Junior High. They dated off and on throughout high school and were married September 1960. They had two children, Richard, Jr., and Robert. They lived in El Paso until 1967 when Richard was transferred to NM. They liked NM so much, they decided to raise their children there. While their boys were growing up, Joyce and Richard were involved in Cub Scouts, 4-H, horse, rodeo, etc. Later on Joyce discovered oil painting and metal art and belonged to the local Junior Women's Club. Richard and Joyce enjoyed western dancing and going to the movies. They were one busy family! After the boys grew up and left home, they enjoyed visiting their families including four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and other family members.



Joyce worked at several places in numerous office positions including the Credit Bureau and a Savings and Loan. She found her niche in the business world when she became an office manager for a CPA, a job she worked at until she retired. Joyce now enjoys being a member of the Red Hat Ladies which is a great non-organization of delightful women where the only requirement is to wear purple clothes and a red hat and have fun.

In 2010, Joyce and Richard went to Arizona to visit family while addressing Richard's medical issues. On 13 March 2010, Joyce's dear Richard passed away. They had been married 49 1/2 years. Richard was a special man! He will be forever missed by his family and all who knew and loved him.

School Story: Joyce was a very, very shy person in school. She had a few close friends and didn't participate in many school activities. She says she not quite that shy anymore.

Class of '61

Joyce (Marshall) DeSantis

Joyce started her senior year at Ysleta in 1960 but she soon transferred to Irvin. She graduated mid-term where she was Senior Favorite of that class and captain of the girls basketball team.



After graduating, Joyce wanted to go right to work but some of her friends encouraged her to go to Texas Western College in the fall of 1961. Sad to say college wasn't for her but she was a member of the Golddiggers for one semester which made it quite fun for a while. Shortly after, she headed for the ranks of working folks.

She worked at some banks, was married for a short time and had a daughter, Shea. In 1967, she began working for the El Paso Natural Gas Co. in the Measurement Department, which she did for 6 1/2 years. During this time, she remarried. After her son, Gino, was born she became a stay-at-home mom which she did for several years. She returned to the EPNGC for another what seemed to be a lifetime and was forced to retire in 1996 due to the company downsizing. She divorced again in 1984 and has been single by choice for 27 years. After working several years in accounting jobs, she finally



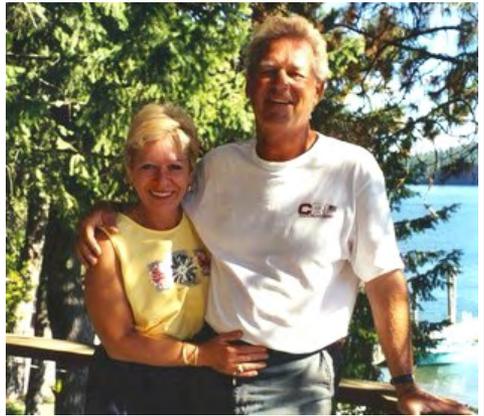
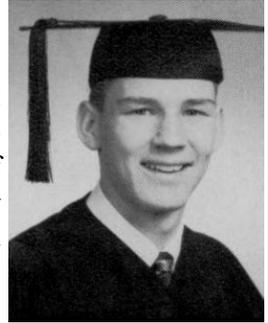
hung it up and retired completely and is very involved in her church and is in charge of a ministry for feeding the homeless.

Joyce's son and daughter both went to Irvin. Now that she is retired, Joyce enjoys a life of taking care of herself and enjoying her grandchildren. She exercises three times a week, walks, eats healthy and loves keeping her grandkids on weekends. Her kids and grandkids are her life.

Class of '61

James "Tiger" McClaskey

Margaret and Tiger were married in 1999 in El Paso. In 2000, they visited Dave and Sandy Nichols at a retirement lake community outside of Knoxville, TN, where they planned to live after retiring. They liked it so well that they bought a place, and have been here ever since.



Margaret and Tiger



Tiger and Dave Nichols

Class of '61

Bryson McCool

Bryson retired in July 2000 after working for the US Army (TRADOC) at White Sands Missile Range for 36 years. He and his wife, Chris, have been married for 46 years. They have two children and two grandchildren. They currently reside in Las Cruces, NM. Bryson has been a member of Lions International since 1975. In 2006, he was instrumental in bringing the Lions Operation Kid-Sight Program to Lions Clubs all across NM where there are now over 20,000 preschool youngsters screened annually. Bryson enjoys working on his computer (desktop publishing), car restoration ('61 Corvette), gardening, and golf.



Funny Story 1: On the first day of Physics Class during Bryson's senior year, Mr. Bockwitz checked out all the students as they entered the class. His "keen intuition" told him that McCool and McClaskey were most likely "screw-offs" so he better place them in the front desks where he could keep a close eye on them. For whatever reason, Mr. Bockwitz called Bryson, "Byron," regardless of how many times he was corrected. To add a little humor to the situation, Tiger McClaskey announced that he would "knight" Bryson and from hence forth he would be known as Sir Lord Byron de Koole!



Funny Story 2: Due to being rather shy and looking much younger than his peers in high school, Bryson did not date much. He thought when he went to college all that would change. On his first day at Texas Western College, he was walking to class when he passed by a group of girls talking. They were kind of giving him the eye so he glanced back at them as any BMOC would do. Just as he passed by them, he heard one of the girls say as she pointed at him, "Hey, is that the child genius who is supposed to be here this semester?" Needless to say, Bryson's ego deflated quicker than a punctured balloon!

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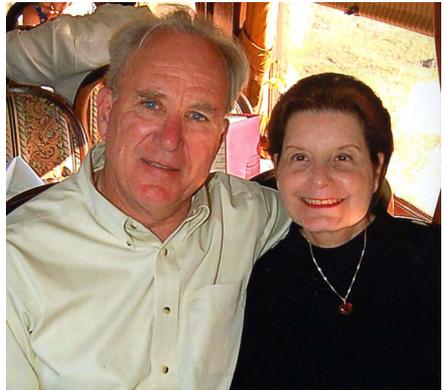
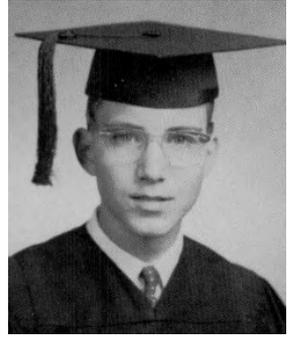
Walter McCulloch

Since graduating from Irvin, Walter's life has been a series of unintended consequences. After Irvin, he graduated from UTEP with a degree in metallurgical engineering. While attending UTEP, he was caught by the draft as he lost his student deferment because he had switched majors from chemistry to metallurgical engineering without notifying the draft board. Walter joined the Navy Reserve to train as a CB steel worker and continued at UTEP. He went on two years active duty after graduation and was assigned to the Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory for work in corrosion research.

After the Navy, Walter went to work in the copper mining industry. He moved often with many job changes. While living in Silver City, he obtained a MBA from

Western New Mexico University. Walter was hired by Freeport Minerals to work in Freeport Mining Company, the corporate technical support for operations and for mergers and acquisitions, because he had an MBA. His primary responsibilities were for the minerals processing at Freeport Indonesia. Freeport Minerals had gotten into copper after being forced out of the nickel business with the seizure of its Moa Bay, Cuba, mine by Fidel Castro. Thanks to Castro, Walter had 15 years of company paid international travel visiting 20 countries. He also had the opportunity to design an alluvial diamond recovery plant in Australia. After Freeport, he worked in the Tucson office for Bateman Engineering (a South African company). He retired about three years ago.

Walter married his wife, Grace, in January 1981. In November 1981, their son Philip was born. Philip and his wife, Nicole, are parents of a daughter and son.

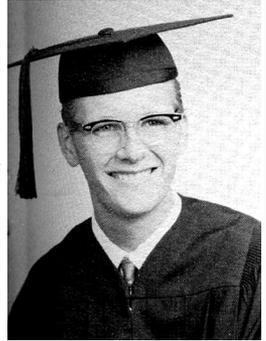


Class of '61

Paul Mueller

Paul married his high school sweetheart, Beverley (Austin High School, class of '61), and They've been married 47 years. He has been retired for more than five years and he and Beverley are catching up on traveling; Italy (twice), Alaskan and Caribbean Cruises, and most recently, Hawaii.

They have two children, Charlotte, and Paul Jr. and three grandchildren, Leigh – 15, Nicole – 11, (Charlotte's) and Paul III (obviously Paul Jr's AKA Trip) – 6 months. Since retiring, Paul has been keeping busy (besides travelling) with projects around the house and various shooting matches.



Paul and Bev in Hawaii, June 2011.



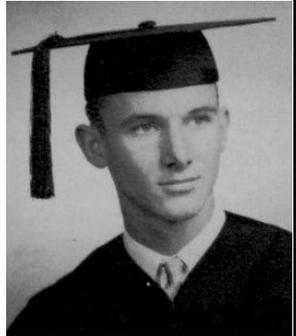
Paul mugging at the Cowboy Shooting Match

Class of '61

Dave Nichols

Dave and his wife, Sandy, have been retired for a few years and live on a lake in East Tennessee. It's a convenient spot, within a days drive to their kids' places in the Washington DC area and Indianapolis, and near enough to major cities such as Atlanta and Nashville.

They enjoy water sports, partying with friends in the area, and travel. Dave says he spends less time working in the yard than his neighbors, but still more than he would like. Oh, and Jim (Tiger) McClaskey and wife Margaret live in the same village with Dave and Sandy.



Dave and Sandy enjoying a cruise.



Grandpa Dave and grandkids jetskiing.

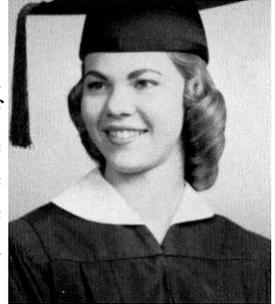


Dave and Sandy and their son and daughter and their families at Christmas.

Class of '61

Sue (Osgood) McGill

Susan worked in offices most of her life.... from the time she graduated (a few years off with raising children) until 2008. Some of the positions were administrative assistant, office manager, receptionist -- you name it, office wise. Mrs. Archer (shorthand) always told her in her class that she'd be an excellent "secretary."



Sue raised her two children and loved every minute of it. She has been volunteering in pet rescue for several years and has saved cats that were lost and abandoned. Sue has traveled to Europe and other places as she loves to travel. Sue's hobbies, now that she has retired, include movies, walks, friends, reading, pets, gardening, music, and volunteering.



Class of '61

George Sevier

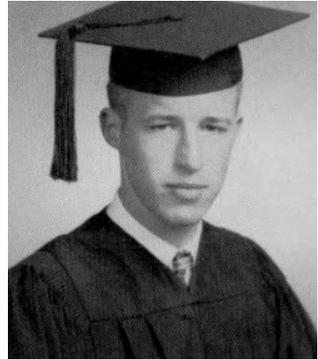
George earned a B. S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. He retired from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. George lives in Alexandria, VA, and enjoys traveling and photography.



Class of '61

John Shaw

After graduating from UTEP in 1968 with a BS in Metallurgical Engineering, John went to work for ASARCO where he spent 26 years of his career at the El Paso Plant with other stops in Glover, MO, East Helena, MT, and finally Hayden, AZ. He retired as General Manager of the Hayden Operations in February 2009 after completing 43 years with ASARCO.



John and his wife, Sandra, now spend five months a year in Pinetop, AZ, to escape the heat of Tucson where they have lived for the past ten years. They have one son, John Ryan, a software engineer who recently married and now resides in nearby Scottsdale, AZ. John enjoys tennis, skiing, and fishing.

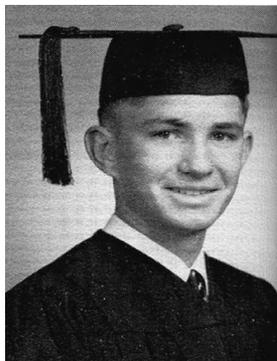


Funny Story: As a senior, John's one and only year at Irvin, he was inspired by his English teacher, Miss Mary Knight, who advised that if anyone could manage to get a piece of their writing published, he or she would receive an A for their efforts for the semester. Considering his dismal grades in her class, he saw his opportunity to salvage his GPA. The class had been studying Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and so he conspired to write his version of the yuletide classic, *The Night Before Christmas*, with *Macbeth* in mind. His efforts were rewarded when his poem was chosen for the Christmas edition of the school newspaper, thus garnering an A as promised and assuring a much improved grade for the year!

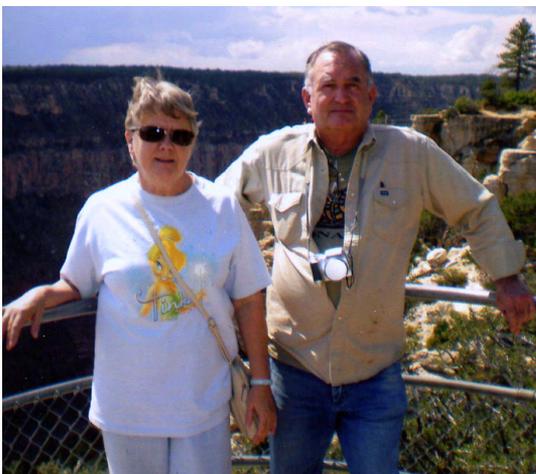
Class of '61

Roy E. Smith II

After graduating from Irvin, Roy attended Texas Western College/UTEP. He served in the US Army from 1966-68 after which he began work for Southern Union Gas Company. He later transferred to Albuquerque where he was a welding instructor. He worked as a rig welder for contractors installing natural gas lines and related facilities.



Funny Story: In his senior English Class that was conducted in one of the portable buildings, Roy would drag his fingernails across the chalkboard as he entered the class. This resulted in a “D” for one six week period as the teacher did not appreciate his humor!



Roy and his wife, Vicky.

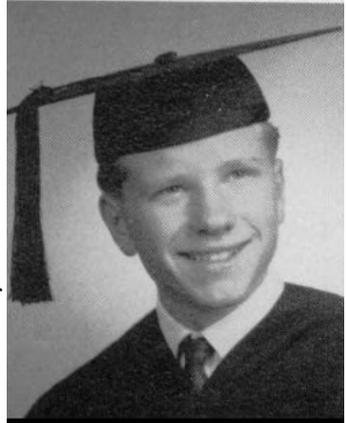
Class of '61

John Thomas

John look's back on his days at Irvin with a grin ... some very good friends and great times. Since those days, John has practiced Family Medicine in Northeast El Paso for 39 years.

John has three daughters who attended Irvin and his daughter Deborah was one of the first two children of Irvin Alums (along with Carlton Jeffcoat) to have graduated from Irvin (20 yrs later). Each of John's daughters has two children giving him a total of six grandchildren. One grandson has already graduated from University of Texas and is an electrical engineer.

John's passion is flying and he has flown his plane to every US state, Canada, Mexico and as far south as Guatemala.



Class of '61

Donna (Thomason) Stuart

After high school graduation, Donna attended business school and then worked at White Sands Missile Range for several years. In 1969 she entered UTEP and earned a B.S. in Education. Donna began working for the El Paso School District in 1973 as a math teacher. She then attended Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas three summers and earned a Masters of Library Science. From 1987-1992 and again from 1996-2001 Donna was a librarian at Irvin High School.

Donna has two grown children from a previous marriage. Trish Hart living in Lubbock, Texas and David Johnson living in Kingsland, Georgia. She has two grandchildren, Kaitlynn Hart and Michael Johnson.

In 2001 Donna retired from the El Paso School District and also married Merle Stuart that same year. They moved to Grove, Oklahoma. She and Merle own a RV and do a lot traveling each winter and summer. They have seen a lot of the USA, including Alaska. Of course, being a librarian by profession, Donna enjoys reading. In addition, she does a lot of handwork including sewing, knitting and Swedish weaving. Donna still has very dear friends that live in El Paso and tries to visit on a regular basis. At least, she uses her El Paso friends as an excuse to get to eat the best Mexican food in the world.



Class of '61

Denise (Wagener) Anderson

Denise is a retired attorney and she lives in Little Rock, AR. She has two daughters and one son and three granddaughters. Her hobbies include gardening, walking the dog, working out, COOKING [!], traveling, hiking and spending time with her granddaughters. Denise's goal this year is to take two semesters of conversational Spanish to improve her skills. She loves Mexico and Central America and plans to have a home there, probably in Panama, in the next few years. Denise says, "this is my first class reunion – this will be so much fun!"

RECOLLECTIONS OF IRVIN –
Passing through the hallways in only a clockwise fashion – or, was it counter-clockwise?



Top right: Denise on a hiking trip with her granddaughter, Ruth.

Right: Denise with her two daughters and two granddaughters



Class of '61

Mike White

Mike and his wife, Kathy, reside in Kennewick, WA. He served in the Air Force and worked as an engineer. He is now retired and loving it. His hobby is flying.



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The record for the 1961 football season was as follows:

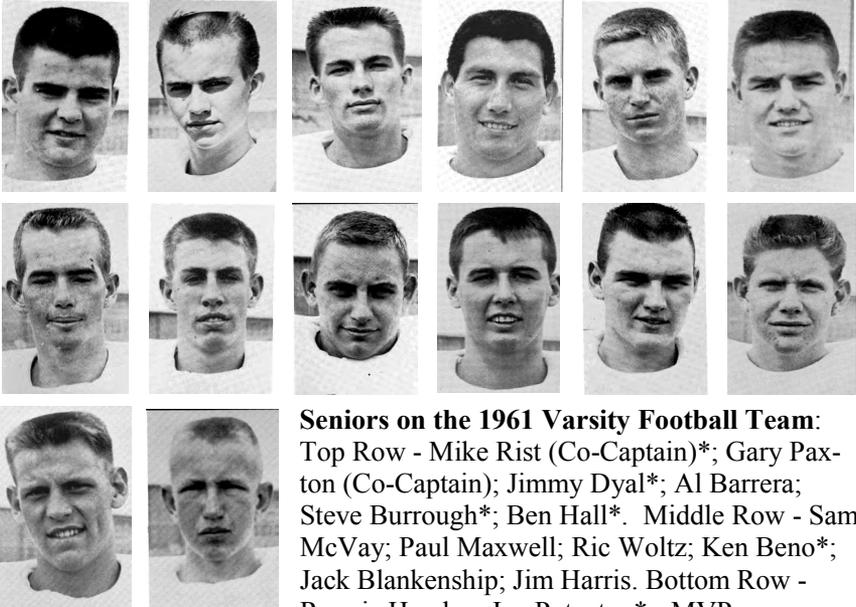
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| Irvin | 6 | Cathedral | 20 |
| Irvin | 20 | El Paso | 27 |
| Irvin | 0 | Bel Air | 49 |
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The first football game to be played in the new Irvin Stadium would not occur until the following year on 14 September 1963.

Varsity Cheerleaders

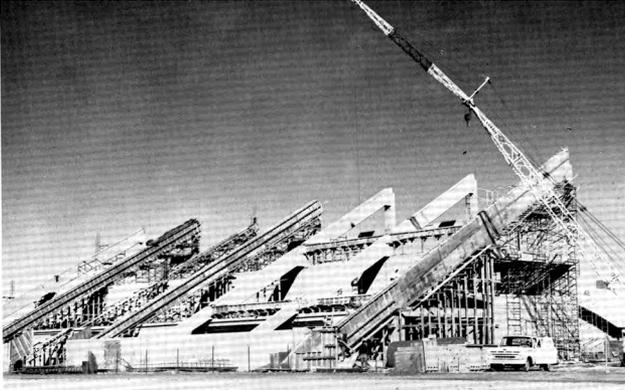


(L-R) Pam Davis, Mary Cushing, Linda Thompson, Patty Laugherty, and Mary Murray



Seniors on the 1961 Varsity Football Team:
 Top Row - Mike Rist (Co-Captain)*; Gary Paxton (Co-Captain); Jimmy Dyal*; Al Barrera; Steve Burrough*; Ben Hall*. Middle Row - Sam McVay; Paul Maxwell; Ric Woltz; Ken Beno*; Jack Blankenship; Jim Harris. Bottom Row - Ronnie Hayden, Joe Poteet. * - MVP

Class of '62



The second addition to Irvin High School of 1961-62 was 40% complete as shown in this picture. The new construction, located west of the main building, housed facilities for physical education, band, and ROTC classes beneath the stadium seating.

1962 Varsity Basketball Team



(L-R) Kneeling: Bill Creel, Charles Vass, Ernie Jiron, Jose Del Rosario, Jimmy Dyal, Jim Gillespie. Standing: Coach Joe Anderson, David Ferris, Dennis Armstrong, Tom Lankford, Robert Vass, Jerry Creel, Mike Pilcher, and Coach John Leonard.

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Homecoming '62



Pam Davis
Homecoming Queen



Linda Thompson
Princess



Cindy Elmore
Princess



Janet Rice
Princess



Stephanie Wells
Princess



Class of '62

Student Council



Gary Paxton
President



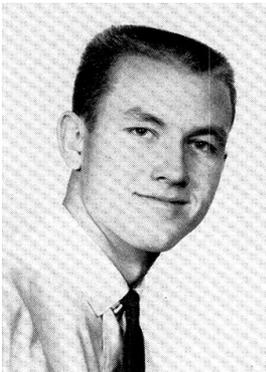
Al Barrera
Vice President



Cindy Elmore
Secretary



Bob Bennett
Treasurer



Student Council Appointive Officers:
(L-R) Joe Poteet, Safety Commissioner;
Janet Rice, Club Panel Commissioner;
Corlea Haren, Parliamentarian; Bob
Davis, Sergeant-At-Arms. (Left) Mike
Nichols, Student Manager.

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Irvin In Orbit Royalty



Cindy Elmore
Queen

Lynda Snider
Senior
Princess



Helen Emmons
Lady-In-Waiting

Twilight Graduation

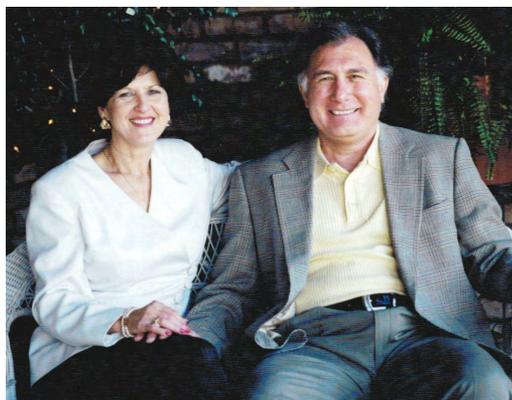
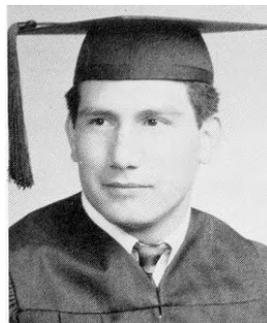


Class of '62

Al Barrera

Al graduated from UTEP in 1967 and within two months was drafted. Upon completion of duty in 1969, he went to work for Mobil Oil Corporation, Marketing Department. In 1976, he moved to Shreveport (Bossier City), LA, where he has remained in business for himself. He has two children, Brandon and Britney, both who have graduated with Masters Degrees and have a job, thank goodness! Al now has three grandchildren, two who were born this year. Al is excited about the upcoming Reunion and seeing everyone again. GO ROCKETS!

Funny Story: On the first day of his senior year, Al walked into his typewriting class and saw a new girl who he had not seen before. He went up to her and introduced himself (he might have been hitting on her a little). She in turn looked at him and said, "Hi, I am Miss Montandon and I am your typing teacher." Al didn't know who was more embarrassed, her or him! This was her first year of teaching upon graduating from college. Al still thought she was cute. She was a great teacher and no, they never went out on a date!



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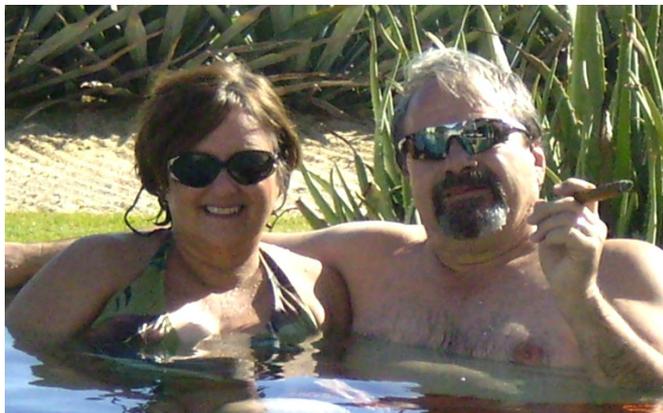
Linda (Campbell) Ferdinand

During Linda's sophomore year at UTEP, she belonged to the Goldiggers before moving to Miami, Florida.

Linda has worked at Texas Christian University for 18 years. Ten years ago, she married Dennis Way Ferdinand at midnight in the TCU Chapel. Dennis is semi-retired and works for the "Rocking Waczak Hunting Ranch." Linda and

Dennis have three children and seven grandchildren as a blended family. After retiring next year, they are planning a cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest and a month in Bali. Hopefully they will be back in time if there is another Reunion.

School Story: Linda remembers wearing a fake pony tail and the football team members pulling it off in the lunch room. Now that was an embarrassing moment! Funny the things we remember!



Linda and Dennis clowning around on Catalina (top) and relaxing in a pool at Cabo (left).

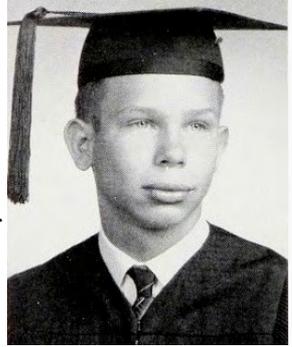
Class of '62

Richard (Dick) Coman

After graduating from Irvin, Dick attended Texas Western College from 1962-66. He then served four years in the Air Force. He returned to UTEP (formerly Texas Western College) in 1970 and graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He worked 29 years with the El Paso Police Department.

Dick and his wife, Tana, have been married since December 1974. They have four children - three girls and one boy. They also have 11 grandchildren - seven girls and four boys.

Dick is now retired and enjoys do-it-yourself projects, fishing, and shooting.

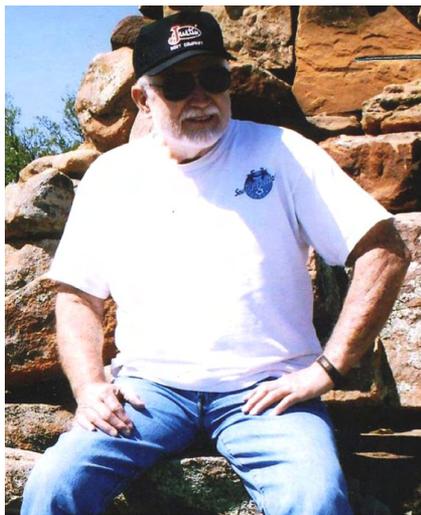


Class of '62

Pam (Davis) Cotten

After graduating from Irvin, Pam attended Texas Tech University, UTEP, and National University. She is now a retired teacher. She and her husband, Marston, have been married for almost 47 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. They lived in El Paso until 1990, then in California until 2005, and now in Fredericksburg, TX. Pam likes social dancing, is a “closet guitarist” and a “questionable” golfer.

Funny Story: At the '62 Senior Prom, Pam tripped on her own shoe, resulting in turning her gown and large metal hoop petticoat completely wrong-side out. The gown and petticoat flew straight over her head as she landed on her backside, feet in the air and looking like a peeled banana!!



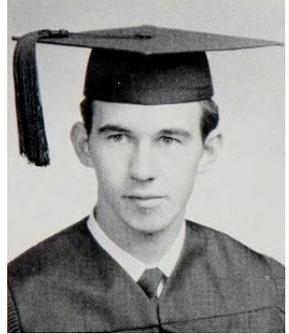
Marston and Pam enjoying an outing.

Class of '62

Wayne Gailbreath

Wayne graduated from Irvin in January 1962. He is now retired after working as a vibration analyst for El Paso Electric Company for 40 years. He and his wife, Mary, operated a freight distribution business.

Wayne enjoys riding his dirt bikes and birding.



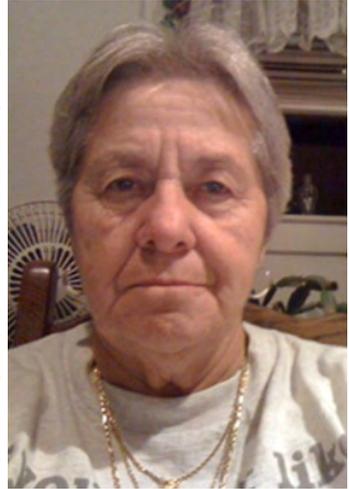
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Bea (Harris) Sanderson

Bea was married in December 1962 to Joe Sanderson of Ysleta. She and Joe had two children – a girl, Catharine and a boy, Joseph. She and Joe moved to Atwood, California in 1964. Bea has five wonderful grandchildren, ages 19, 20, 20, 20 and 24.

Bea worked at four jobs before she settled in at Pacific Bell in 1979. She retired in November 2002 and they moved to Lincoln, CA, a small town about 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. Bea had a bout with breast cancer in 2000 and has been in remission for the last eleven years. Joe and the children were so supportive of her that, when she lost her hair to chemo, they all (yes – even Catharine) shaved their heads. Joe was plagued with many illnesses and passed away in 2007 at the age of 65 after almost 45 mostly happy years together.

Bea is a member of the Red Hat Society, a really fun group of gals, and plays Bunco once or twice a month. She enjoys traveling – both driving and Amtrak. She hopes to branch out to a cruise or two in the not too distant future. She enjoys visiting relatives in other states - Tennessee, Iowa, New Jersey and Colorado. Life is a gift every day.



Class of '62

Jim Harris

After graduating from Irvin in 1962, Jim attended TWC for a year. In 1963, he enlisted in the Air Force. His first assignment was to a base in western OK. Joining him was his wife, Linda Thompson, and their brand new son. He received an AF scholarship and was soon attending Oklahoma University (OU). In 1967 Jim received a BS Degree in meteorology - and added a daughter to their family. He went off to Officer Training School, then as a new lieutenant returned to OU for a Master's Degree in meteorology.

After college, Jim was assigned as officer-in-charge of the Patrick AFB weather station in Florida. He was also the weather liaison officer for the Apollo Space Program, which allowed him to work with astronauts and take part in the historic Apollo 11 mission, the first to put a man

on the moon. During the Viet Nam War, he served a tour at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. From 1970-1971, he provided weather support for combat missions being flown over Southeast Asia. He received the Bronze Star for his service there. His next stop was at the Pentagon where he was weather officer to the Under Secretary of the Air Force. Four years later, he was transferred to Scott AFB, IL, headquarters for the Air Force weather service. When an Air Force ROTC teaching position came open at NMSU in Las Cruces, he volunteered for the job. He retired from the Air Force in 1983 as a major with 20 years of service. The next week he went to work as a research meteorologist for the Army Research Laboratory at White Sands Missile Range, NM. He later became a division director before retiring in 1998.

Linda and Jim still live in Las Cruces and are both retired. Jim devotes his time to restoring and riding vintage Cushman motor scooters, a hobby that takes him back to when he was a 14-year-old-paper boy pitching the *El Paso Herald Post* from a white Cushman Eagle. Jim now owns six Cushman Eagles. Three of his restored scooters have won national first place awards. Jim and Linda enjoy traveling and visiting their kids and five grandkids in Albuquerque and Colorado Springs.



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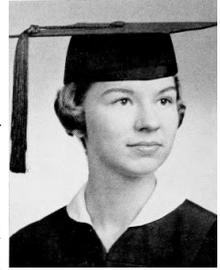
Linda (Thompson) Harris

Although Linda never considered hers a planned-out life, those years at Irvin gave her an enduring enthusiasm for life's adventures - most were good, some not. She married an Irvin boy and as an elderly woman once told her, "First I married him, and then I followed him." Jim joined the Air Force, and they moved and moved and moved again. He got a college scholarship and graduated at 22. By then they had two kids, a son and a daughter. Then they went off to live near the beach and watch astronauts shoot for the moon. Jim went to Thailand, and Linda went to college. Five colleges, in fact. She learned she loved writing and built a fine career writing about everything from medicine to shipping stress in cattle to water law, and finally New Mexico history.

After twenty years, they settled down in Las Cruces where Jim worked at New Mexico State University, then at White Sands. For several years she also worked at NMSU, then formed her own publishing company. They are both retired these days. They spend time visiting their kids - who are really old now - and their five grandchildren. Jim has a huge hobby (see his page), which keeps her on the road "again." She has a checkered record of hobbies that have either bored her or nearly killed her. She is now an enthusiastic pickleball player and so far has only injured her pinkie. If that's all she can complain about, Linda says it's been a life well lived. She knew it would be.

FUNNY STORY: Irvin's home games were played at Austin High School, whose football field was enclosed by a chain link fence.

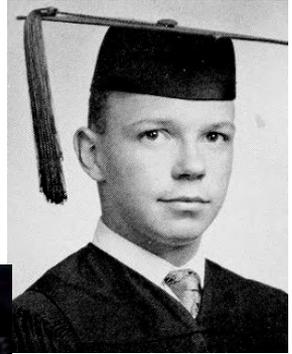
Whenever the football team scored a touchdown, the cheerleaders would cartwheel down the sidelines toward the goalpost. At the first game, and on the first touchdown, Linda took a run at a cartwheel with the other cheerleaders cartwheeling behind her. Each successive cartwheel led her closer to the fence. Still, she kept going, until she finally crashed into the fence - in front of some 2,000 people. Fortunately, her thick sweater saved her. Besides Irvin didn't make that many touchdowns!



Class of '62

Craig Holland

Craig graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso. After college, he joined the U. S. Army in 1967. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1970 and began working as a Bio-Medical Engineer for Litton Medical Systems.



He transferred to the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, area in 1975.

He purchased a ranch and started raising horses and cattle. Craig became a certi-



fied Texas Peace Officer and started doing volunteer work for the Tarrant County and Dallas County Sheriff's Departments in Fort Worth & Dallas, mostly from the back of a horse. Craig and his wife, Anna, have four children and seven grand-kids.



Top: Craig and his wife, Anna.
Right: Craig with one of his horses.

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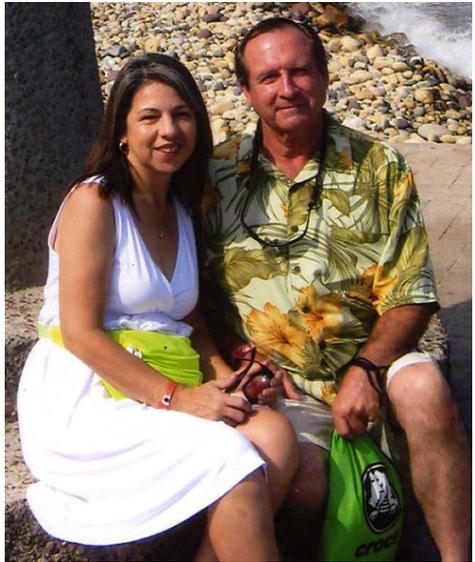
Everett Hummel

After graduating from Irvin, Everett attended UTEP from 1962-64. In 1965, he moved to San Antonio, TX, where he went to work for Caterpillar. In 1972, he graduated from St. Mary's University with an engineering degree. He worked for the US Air Force from 1973 to 2003 where he managed several engineering organizations, was Chief of Plant Management, and was Director of Technology and Industrial Repair.

Everett married his wife, Laura, in 2008 and together they have four children and four grandchildren. His hobbies are hot rods, classic cars, hunting, and fishing.

Funny Story: Everett says he will always remember the summer the Varsity Cheer Leaders taught dance lessons at the school gym. He learned to

dance that summer and be with the most beautiful girls in school!



Class of '62

Martha Jiron

After graduating from Irvin, Martha attended Texas Western College where she received a BS degree in chemistry with a minor in mathematics. Martha taught ten years (1968-78) at Jefferson High School and then 24 years (1978-02) at Irvin High School where she was head of the Math Department. She was the Senior Class Sponsor at Irvin from 1980 to 2002. Martha played mixed team city volleyball for many years. Martha retired from teaching in 2002. She enjoys reading, painting, and attending UTEP games.

Interesting School Story:

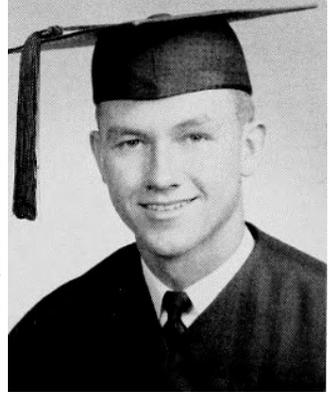
Martha and her brother, Ernie, were students at Irvin when it first opened - she was a sophomore and Ernie was a freshman. She remembers there were no lockers, no gym, no cafeteria, one way traffic in the halls, designated "up" and "down" stairs, Senior Follies, great teachers, and playing volleyball, basketball, and softball.



Class of '62

Mike Nichols

After graduating from Irvin, Mike went to the University of Texas graduating in 1966. In 1967, he joined the Air Force and was assigned to a base in London, England, where he served his entire tour of duty. In 1971, Mike returned to the Dallas area and went into the telecommunications field. In 1976, he and his wife, Janet, moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where they stayed for 25 years. Mike retired in 2001 and he and Janet moved to Scottsdale, AZ, where their two daughters and their families live.



Mike enjoys snowmobiling, ATVing, piloting, Scuba diving, and the stock market.



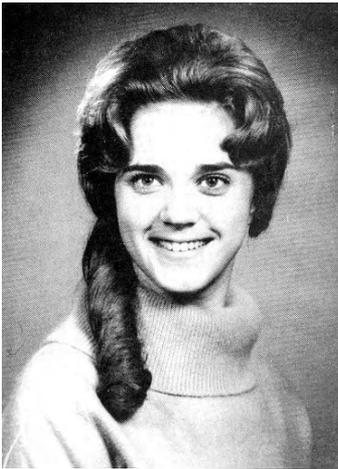
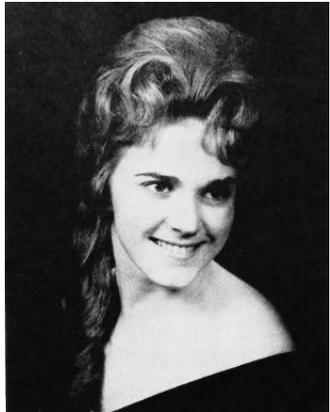
Janet and Mike in a Dublin pub.

Class of '62

Karen (Propst) Boozer

Karen has a son and a daughter and four grandsons and one granddaughter. She retired from the El Paso Independent School District in 2002 after working as an English teacher and then as a Student Activities Director. The last 28 years were at Irvin.

Karen now runs a Food Cupboard for the needy at her church and has studied for three years to become a commissioned lay pastor assigned to Highland and Trinity Presbyterian Churches.



KAREN PROPST

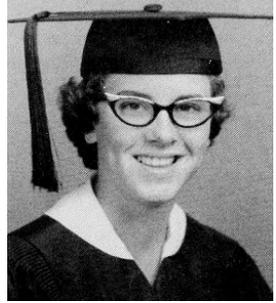
National Honor Society; Future Business Leaders of America; Varsity Cheerleader, '61; Club Panel; Modern Dance Club

Class of '62

Mary Ann (Wainscott) Thompson

Mary Ann has been married to her husband, Duayne, for 38 years and they have two children, Rob and Tina, and two granddaughters. Mary Ann was the co-owner of Northeast Printing in El Paso from 1973 to 1989. She continued to live in El Paso until 1995 at which time she and Duayne bought a new pick-up and a 30' 5th wheel trailer and travelled for about 10 months. They settled in Kentucky where they still reside today. Mary Ann's greatest accomplishments in the 49+ years since graduating are her children.

Interesting School Story: During five months of her senior year, Mary Ann was in a cast due to a car accident that occurred the day after her 17th birthday in September 1961. No one believes this today but Mary Ann was very shy until she was 19 or 20 and that cast drew a lot of unwanted attention!

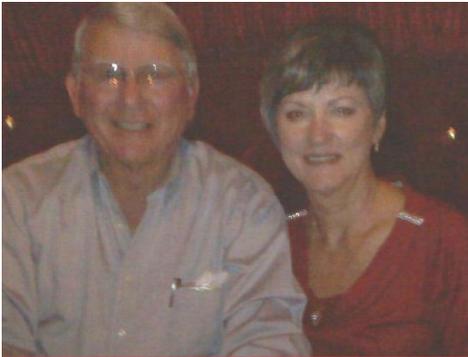


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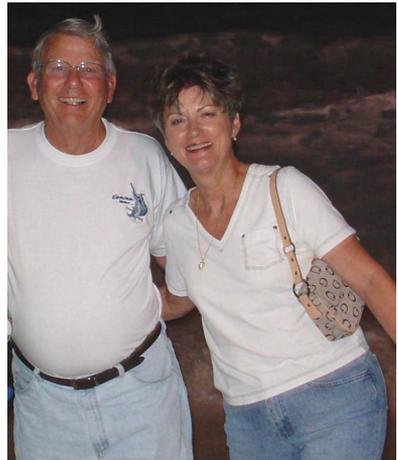
Monica (White) Bruns

One year after graduation, Monica met and married Alvin, the love of her life and best friend. In November, they will celebrate their 48th anniversary. Monica and Alvin have three sons, six grandchildren, and one great grandson. When they decided to retire 4 1/2 yrs ago, their two oldest sons bought their heating and air conditioning business. Their business was very good to them and afforded them many opportunities for travel. They traveled to Singapore, Bali, Italy, England, Ireland just to name a few. Their youngest son and his family moved to Phoenix 13 years ago and started his own business. Since they really love Phoenix, they visit on a regular basis (it helps that their great grandson is there as well).

Funny Story: Her Dad being in the military, Monica and her family were transferred from Germany to El Paso with six weeks left of her sophomore year so she guesses her most memorable experience was when she was sent home to change because she wore a dress with "spaghetti straps" which was not allowed. She wonders if they have changed the dress code???



Alvin and Monica in Las Vegas for New Year's Eve.



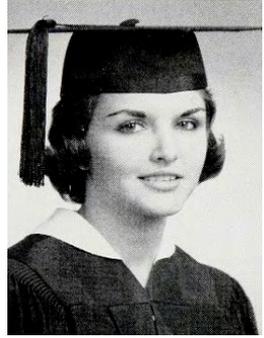
Alvin and Monica on a moonlight stroll on a Cancun beach.

Class of '62

Ann (Wilson) Hamilton

Ann Hamilton is enjoying retirement from Real Estate in El Paso. She has three children, Kristi Albers (pro golfer), Ken Arrington (banker), and Robert Arrington (professional photographer) along with two stepsons, Curtis and Jason Hamilton, both policemen. And she and her husband, Larry, are enjoying their three grandchildren.

Interesting School Stories: In the new stadium, there were no lights at graduation and thus, Ann and her class had to graduate by flashlight. There were one way halls and if the next class was close-by, students would have to walk backwards to let



Ann with husband, Larry.

the other class pass. Ann's favorite teacher was Mr. Cohen as he was every student's friend. He would even let you sleep in class!



Ann getting acquainted with a sled dog during class!



Mini-Reunion with (L-R) Jim and Linda Harris, Larry and Ann Hamilton, and Mike and Janet Nichols in Nov. 2010.

Class of '63

Harold Collins

Harold did not officially graduate from Irvin as he went to work on Kwajalein and took a correspondence course for the only class (English) which he was short.

Since high school, Harold has been somewhat of a geographical rambler. He worked in the South Pacific where he met his wife Sharon of forty seven years. After returning to the states, he attended several colleges UH, NMSU, UTEP (graduated 1968) and grad schools at UCLA and UNCG. Harold spent most of his corporate career with the Bell System starting at White Sands Missile Range. Harold and Sharon have lived in El Paso, Santa Monica, CA, Winston-Salem and Greensboro, NC, Dallas TX, Atlanta, GA, San Francisco, CA, Rockwall, TX, Corpus Christi, TX, and presently are semi-retired in Santa Maria, CA.

Today, Harold and Sharon are working artists and Harold is an instructor at Hancock College. They still enjoy traveling having visited the British Isles, China twice, and Hawaiian Islands yearly.



On the road to Hanna, Maui (2010)

Class of '65

Christine “Chris” McCool

After graduating from Irvin, Chris married Bryson McCool in September 1965. They lived in El Paso where their two children, Brian and Leah were born. In 1974, they moved to a little farm in La Mesa, NM, where the kids grew up. They moved to Las Cruces, NM, in 1984 where they lived for sixteen years. When Bryson retired in 2000, they moved to Ruidoso where they built a home. In 2010, after tiring of all the “touristas” in Ruidoso, they moved back to Las Cruces to be closer to their daughter. Chris and Bryson have been married for 47 years. They have two grandsons.

Chris was employed off and on while the kids were growing up. Once they reached high school, Chris worked as an office manger for a CPA.

Chris’s hobbies are quilting and reading.



Chris with her two grandsons, Wesley and Shawn, in 1998.



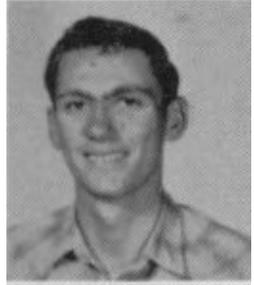
Chris and Bryson in front of their new home in Ruidoso (2001).

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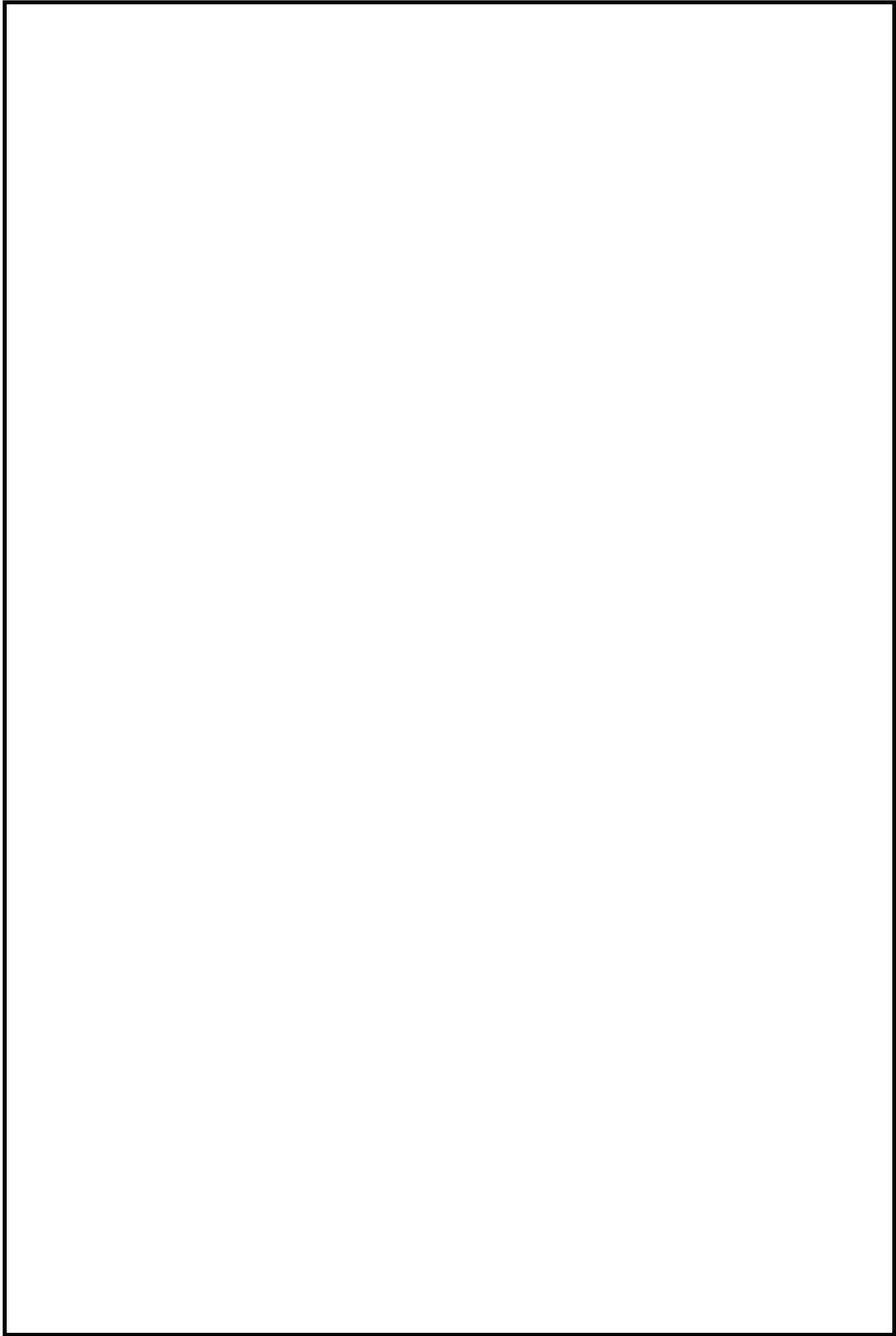
Mike McGarr

Although Mike was not a member of a class celebrating 50 years, he decided to come and reunite with friends and family that would be attending.

After graduation and a brief college career, he went to work for what was then Mountain Bell and continued to work as a telephone design engineer. He married in 1971 and has three daughters, five granddaughters and at last, their boy. They moved to New Mexico shortly after they married and have spent most of that time in Silver City and Las Cruces. Mike recently fulfilled his dreams of flying through his hobby of building and flying radio controlled airplanes. He also enjoys woodworking and spending as much time as possible with his family.



Carolyn and Mike McGarr on the right, daughter Terry with her husband Joe and daughter Kennidy, Rachel and her three daughters, Madison, Gracie, and Emma and down front Kristin and twins Georgia and Sam.



Irvin Faculty

Mary Knight McGarr

I taught school at Irvin through the 1969 school year. (I had married Charles Yates in November of 1961. That marriage ended in a divorce.) In 1969 I then moved to Houston and married Gary McGarr. Gary was attending Rice University and stayed long enough to get his Bachelor's and Master's in electrical engineering. We have



lived in Houston ever since. We have two sons, Rob and Shay who also went to Rice and have electrical engineering degrees. Gary, Rob, and Shay are all in the engineering sales business. Unlike me, they all have the gift of gab. Rebecca, Shay's wife, works for Shell and travels all over the world. Rob's wife, Julie, was an All-American volleyball player and was a professional beach volleyball player for many years. She now is an interior designer and does restaurants and large homes. We're pretty proud of all of them

Gary has worked for various California companies and in 2000 went with a start up, Atheros Communications where he was employee number fourteen. When they went public, Gary was able to retire. Atheros is now owned by Qualcomm. Gary has retired three times so far! He likes to work.

I retired in 1973! I taught until Gary got out of school. Teaching in Houston wasn't nearly as much fun as it had been at Irvin. I preferred staying home and raising our sons. Loved being the room mother, the PTA president, and a member of the school board. Now I enjoy our three grandsons and being the resident critic of my school district which is into all that touchy feely stuff that drives me crazy!

Irvin Faculty

Mary Knight McGarr (Cont'd)

Teaching at Irvin was a lot of fun, and as my first class in my first job, I was very fond of all of you. Thanks for putting up with me while I learned how to be a teacher. I was about two weeks ahead of you in the books!

I hope all of you enjoyed looking at the video of the movie that I made of you on Kid's Day. I don't know how they stretched a 90 second film to what they did when they made the DVD, but I thought you were all so cute that day and am glad there is a record. In my spare time, I like to collect stuff, do genealogy, and dabble in politics.

Funny Story: I remember Thane Marston bringing a whiskey bottle full of iced tea to the graduation party at the Crystal Pool - at least that is what he told the chaperones!!

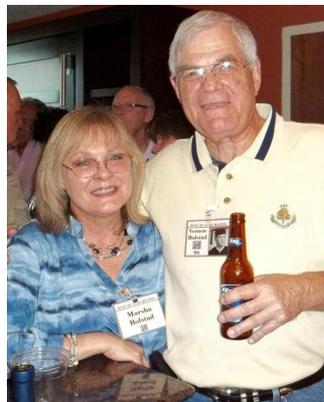
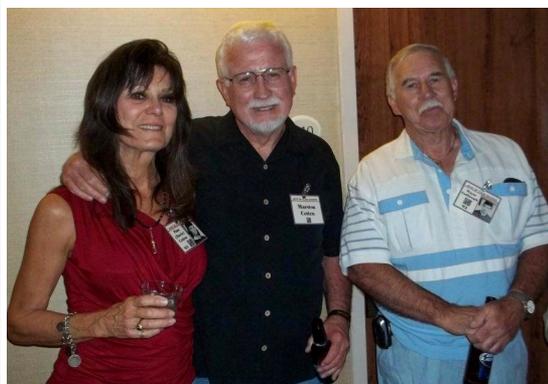


Gary and Mary are in the middle. Their two sons are Shay on the left with his wife Rebecca and their two sons, Brady and Cullen, and their other son, Rob on the right with his wife Julie and their son Chase.

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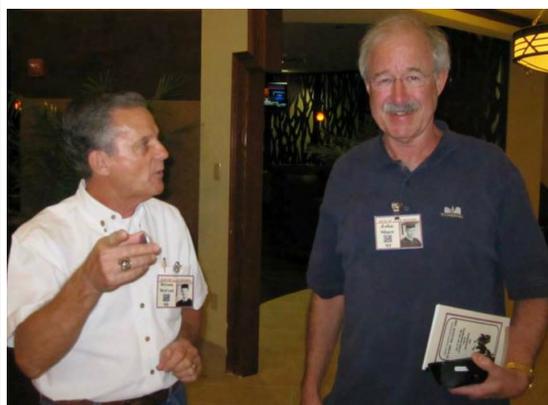
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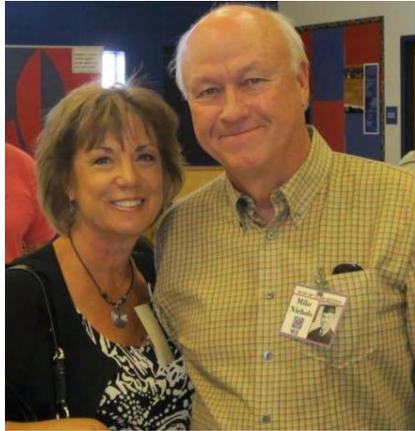
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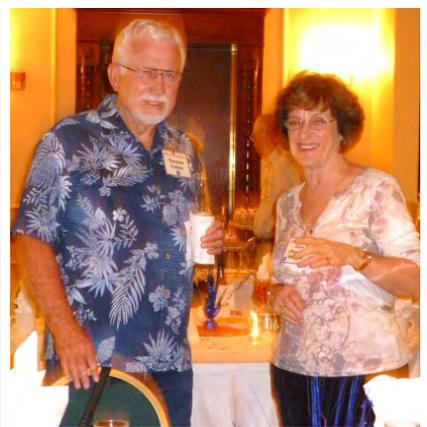
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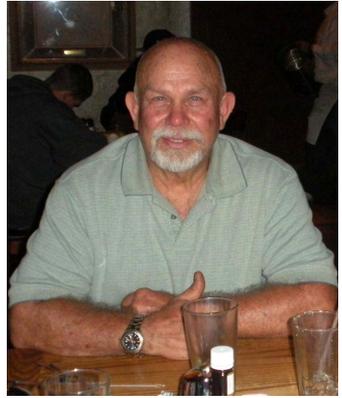
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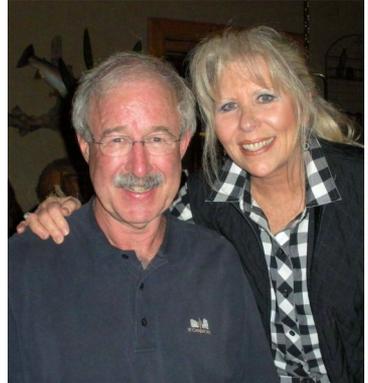
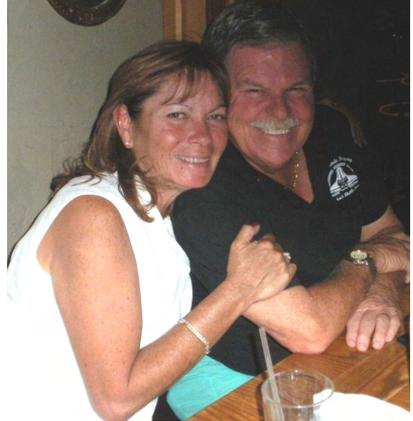
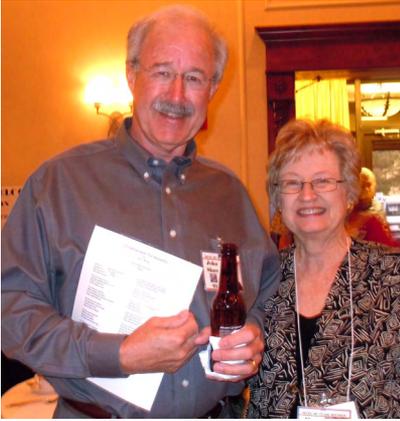
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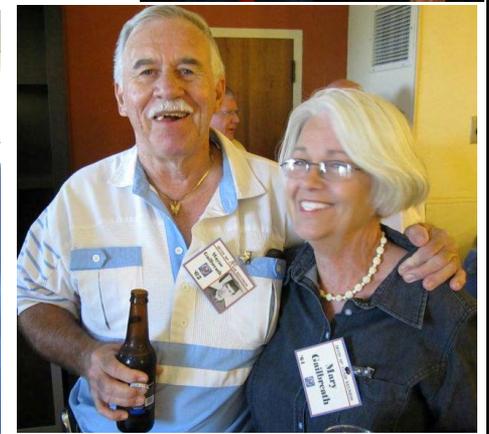
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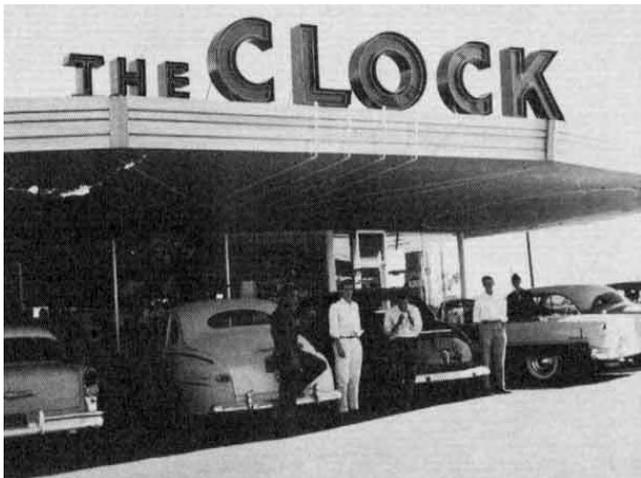
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