

# REMEMBRANCES

## Acknowledgements

As in 1999, I wish to thank all who submitted remembrances of our departed friends. A number of you emailed me and said you wanted to participate, but just didn't have clear memories of them. I guess we are all getting a bit older"- "tempus fugit!"

I can only conclude with some of the words I stated 10 years ago. "We have lived in very tumultuous times, much has changed since 1959. As I organized and put together your remembrances and my own, I found myself remembering some wonderful people and times. The time we have on this earth, we see, is very precious and we have shared it with some caring people. We have been blessed by their presence in our lives. Carpe Diem!!

*Paul Hanna, Editor*

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## **Carol Barry:**

Carol-- quiet, unassuming, but always there for you. Always faithful to a task, one you could always count on.

"I received a call from Carol's son, Robert in July. It was a wonderful conversation in which he talked about the wonderful mother and grandmother that Carol was before her sudden death in 2007. It made me feel that I had truly missed out on knowing a caring, loving person for I barely knew Carol at WHS. The fact that she was a wonderful family person truly warmed my heart" - *Paul Hanna*

## **Sandra Brown:**

"Sandy Brown and I first met not as classmates, but as toddlers living in the same neighborhood. In October, 1943 our parents moved into their respective homes on the same day. Within a couple of years, not only did Sandy and I become best friends, but so did our parents. Because of this closeness we shared, Sandy's mom soon became my Aunt Florence and her dad my Uncle Frank.

"Through the childhood years, Sandy, her sister, Bonne, and my siblings caught grasshoppers in jars, picked blueberries in the woods(always careful not to pick the trailing arbutus), went sledding on Mulcahy's Field, and learned how to ride bicycles. While learning to ride bikes, I noticed, as did others, that Sandy was a definite daredevil. There wasn't a stunt Sandy wouldn't try on her bike, and the ever present bandages on her legs attested to this fact. When she fell, Sandy would just get up, smiling.

"Besides the days learning to ride bikes, Sandy, Bonnie, my four siblings, and I learned to swim at Morse's Pond. Aunt Florence and my mum would make sandwiches and off we would go for the day. Sandy took to the water with the same enthusiasm she showed while bike riding. Nothing was impossible!

"Sandy went to the Sprague School and I to St Patrick's in Natick up to the fifth grade. When I started to go to the Sprague in the sixth grade, Sandy continued to be such good friend. She made sure I knew all the "rules" ahead of time and all of the teachers in the school. It was fun being able to walk home together for lunch and watch a little television--that new invention.

"During our junior high years, Sandy's parents started spending summers at a cottage on Sunset Lake in New Hampshire. Sandy's sense of adventure and daredevil ways once again were evident. She tried all kinds of acrobatics on water skis. I still treasure a picture I have of Sandy on water skis.

"The summer of 1956 was especially memorable. Aunt Florence and Uncle Frank invited my sisters, Janice and Nancy, Eddie Merrill, also a member of "Our Gang" and me for 3 weeks at Sunset Lake. Sandy got us all involved in activities every day. She was very competitive and no matter whether it was monopoly, tether ball, or arm wrestling, Sandy liked to win.

"Sandy' family moved to another neighborhood while we were in high school. On many days after school we would walk to the Sunshine Dairy for a frappe before we parted ways. At this time in our lives, I must add, we were both in love with Elvis. We listened to his records after sampling them at the Music Box and always went to see his latest movie.

"Sandy was happily married for only six weeks when she suddenly died of a heart seizure in August, 1963. It was so unexpected that I was shocked and devastated. My friend was gone.

"I have so many memories of Sandy, but her basic cheeriness and sense of adventure stand out. Sandy lived a short life, yet she has always stayed alive in our hearts." - *Maureen Harrington*

### **Richard Burke:**

*Dick or "Digger" Had a great sense of humor..always helpful... helped make our football team a great success. a trusted friend, one you could always count on.*

"I cared for Dick's parents at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. I'll always remember his patience in dealing with difficult days" ....*Martha Phemister Forbes*

### **Sue Camelli:**

"Sue was a good friend with a great sense of humor. When we were in high school her parents did not want her dating her friend, Dave. So I would pick her up and then we would double date and I would bring her home after. She introduced me to my husband on a blind date that she set up. She went on to marry Dave that Fall after graduation, and they were married until her death in 2003. Who says marrying young doesn't last!!

"She was a great wife, mother and grandmother who loved her home. We stayed in touch over the years and celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> b'day as a 'girls only' trip to St. Maarten.

"A group of us from school would go out to dinner a few times a year when Sue was alive and have continued doing that. Women seem to know how important girl friends are and I felt fortunate to call her my friend." - *Joan Hansberry Defazio*

"I met Sue in the 7th grade and we became friends that day and kept the friendship going throughout our lives. Her relationship was so sincere with everything that she did. From her marriage raising children, cooking, and what a cook she was. We managed to get together a couple of times a year watching our children grow up, get married and have their babies.

"Even when she moved to Florida we kept in touch. She would stay in the Wellesley house when she visited her Dad and family. And again we would gather. Her other classmates would also get together, Joan Defazio, Helen Neal, Maryann Powers, Sis Palagrutto. And even when we turned 60 years young, Sue, Joan, and myself and Sue's sister Jan, we all went to Joan's condo in St. Martin. What a time we had! Shortly after Sue took sick and we were all at her bedside whenever needed. A true friend has passed and will never be forgotten in my life. God Bless." - *Kathy Donahue Papazian*

"Mom enjoyed her grandchildren, family, friends, horses, hot air balloons, crafting, and traveling. She was one of the strongest women I have ever known. She was the glue that held us together and totally enjoyed doing for others more than herself." - *Jan Ankersen (Sue's Sister)*

### **Sue Cooney:**

Sue---"cute, vivacious, loved life and people. A great friend" - *Marie Trigg Puffer*

"Sue was my first girlfriend, we were in Junior high School. At that time big band music was fading in favor of "rock and roll" .Sue knew the name of every rock and roll song and artist on the planet. She collected '45 records. We used to listen to '45's together after school in the listening booths at the Music Box. She spent hours, some Friday nights trying to teach me to dance----an impossible project. Sue was one of the funniest people I have ever been with." - *Bob Clay*

"Sue went to the Museum of Fine Arts School. Her term papers were well-written. Sue was academically very bright and was a very creative person" - *Lollie Cunnan*

"Sue was in some of my classes in Junior High. I remember her hair combed back into a DA, her long, straight skirts and sweaters. She was funny, and I can remember her laugh. She was a good friend then.

How surprised I was to discover that she developed her singing voice to be a soprano and sing opera later in life! She loved that. - *Janet Mittell*

### **Joseph Crowe:**

Joe - great artistic talent, won the Boston Globe exhibit award while at WHS... very witty guy.

"I knew Joe from the 7th grade on when I moved to Wellesley. He always saw the light side to things and never seemed to let anything get him down.

I greatly enjoyed his company at our 20th reunion in 1979." - *Paul Hanna*

"I knew Joe in the years before high school when we both crossed Route 9 at the top of the hill to walk the long mile to Warren Elementary. We would go sledding on the Academy of Assumption hill--- dangerous, steep and long, moguls when we built them, and a long run out--the perfect hill. We played long days out in the woods and fields, stole corn and apples from the Academy's farm--everyone did.

"Our neighborhood was bursting with children. The Collari's and the Giovanella's. There were alliances and wars. Joe was bold, adventurous. The Summer after 3rd grade, we decided to become blood brothers. I saw him at our reunion 20 years ago. A big man, full of heart. Joe was police chief in Westboro. How our lives had surprised us, we said" - *Lorian Brown*

"Paul, after receiving information for the 50th and finding the list of deceased classmates and friends, I have decided to write to you. Many of the names brought tears to my eyes as they were friends from way back in Kindergarten and through high school.

The one that surprised me the most was the loss of Joe Crowe. Most don't know that Joe and I became friends after high school.

"We took Ernie Lorrett's Modern Problems Class advice and joined the Marine Corps together in 1961. After boot camp and infantry training we went in opposite directions and lost touch. He was a good friend and fellow marine." - *John Oakes*

"One other person I remember is Joe Crowe. Joe had many tough times and struggles during high school and several years after, but during my athletic times at Algonquin Regional High School I remember Joe as a police officer from Westboro. Before he passed away Joe was as respected officer and person by both the adults and students in Westboro." - *Paul Cronin*

"Joe Crowe was a great artist and "ahead of his time" type of person. Never a conformist, Joe was a good guy to hang with" - *Bob Tedoldi*

"Joe Crowe was such a great guy. He too had a wonderful sense of humor and he was always up to something. He died so young – I could never believe it. - *Janet Mittell*

### **Elizabeth Damon:**

Beth....always cheerful and friendly even on rainy Mondays. Dedicated nurse for many years.

"quiet personality of older generation family, attended Honeywell school with me. A real student and hard worker. A real nice person." - *Marie Trigg Puffer*

## **Merry Dunakin:**

Mimi, a vibrant, vivacious personality, so likable.... always there for the other person. Active in so many activities in her adult life. A real loss from our class.

"Mimi just seemed to light up any room that she entered. I remember I thought of asking her out at Wellesley High, but never did. My loss." - *Paul Hanna*

"Mimi and I were friends in High School and went off to Stephens College in Columbia, Mo after graduation. I remember the day we got on the plane at Logan airport for the trip half way across the USA. I don't think either one of us had gone that far away from Wellesley before.. We lived in different dorms but saw each other for coffee now and then to just catch up. We had some good laughs about the strict rules at Stephens ...couldn't ride in a car for the first 6 weeks! Guess they thought we would somehow get lost in Boone county.

"Mimi and I wrote at Christmas for many years after college and our first born son's Eric were born the same month. I remember she loved Barbra Streisand's music and she said her husband didn't like her. Funny the little things we remember about our friends. We lost contact after she moved from NY and hoped she would be at the 40th reunion ...no one knew where she was.

"I miss her and sorry we didn't get reconnected before she passed away. - *Su Su Summers*

## **Sue Edel:**

"Sue.... voted most talkative in our class, but what a love. Always there to pitch in on any project with a tremendous amount of energy and vitality. Sue was diabetic from a young age, but this never seemed to slow her down and she lived each day to the fullest. For her it wasn't how long she lived, but how she lived and she plenty of life into her days which enriched the lives of all those around her." - *Paul Hanna*

"Susan Edel, bright, effervescent Susie, always smiling despite her health challenges. Those challenges existed on Girl Scout overnights when the donuts and insulin weren't properly regulated, during the surgeries she had to endure and those challenges of juvenile diabetes became ever more difficult as she aged. Through it all she kept her sense of humor and faith; she taught me about courage! I still see her Mom and together we reminisce about this wonderful gal." - *Sally Baldwin Tipton*

"Sue dealt with her lifetime diabetes with an open and loving personality. Ken Chase and she turned a strong marriage into a wonderful family through adoption. Even with all of her health adversities she lived life fully." - *Bob Tedoldi*

## **Sarah Farwell:**

Excellent student at WHS, Sarah was engaged in many things, always a smile and warm presence. Was an excellent teacher for many years. Was to become a wonderful mother and grandmother and eventually settled in Southern California.

"Susie Edel and I used to get together at her house after school in 7th grade. Sometimes her mother would pull out the "record player", put on show tunes, and teach us to sing as if we were the stars. Susie was so adorable. She had that fantastic pony tail, and she always dressed well. She had the best attitude, always upbeat, always generous. She had childhood diabetes, but she never fussed about it. How fortunate we were to have dinner with her about five years ago – Sally Baldwin Tipton, Peg McMahon McInnes, and me. At that point she lived in South Carolina and was struggling with her condition. Her vision was very poor and she had heart problems.

"There were still no complaints, only compliments from her. - *Janet Mittell*

### **Bruce Faucett:**

"Paul, then there was my favorite buddy from the time I first saw him in kindergarten. I have pictures of him in an album going back to birthday parties in grade school and fond memories of him when we were members of the "Defenders" car club. Yes, Bruce Faucett was a special guy with special problems that all of us accepted, because he was our friend. "The Kat" in his brown Chevy" - *John Oakes*

### **John Feeney:**

"John Feeney was the best fielding 3rd baseman in the Bay State League. He was also a gutsy end on the football team. John was one of a group of athletic/friends that hung out together before and after graduation." - *Bob Tedoldi*

"Two classmates that I remember from high school and many years after were John Feeney and Louie Fogerty. I enjoyed many good times with both of them and during high school we especially enjoyed playing sports together. I think the highlight of our high school sports life was during our senior year when we won the league championship in baseball. During the season we traveled to Schofield field every day for practice and games and had many good laughs together." - *Paul Cronin*

"John Feeney was my dream in Junior High. He played hockey, wore engineer boots and brushed his hair up in the front. We talked for hours on the phone until my parents chased me off! Sometimes a bunch of us went skating down at Longfellow Pond, and I could watch him play hockey. I remember a few parties at peoples' homes – Jannie Pippit's, Linda Barto's, John Sanders' – when we would listen to 45 records and dance. We had our own song. It was all very dreamy! - *Janet Mittell*

### **Robert Fitzimmons:**

Bob or "Fitzy" always enjoyed good times together. Casual, excellent golfer. Known as "Sunny Jim". "Skinny, funny, left us much too early in a terrible truck accident". - *Bob Tedoldi*

### **Ronald Fogerty:**

Louie..... a great athlete in all sports , could do almost anything on the athletic field. most valuable.

"Ron and Robert Fogerty were in my 5th grade class. I remember one came in bloody and bruised from the playground and our teacher, everything confused, sent the wrong brother to the nurse, or maybe it was to the principal." - *Lorian Brown*

"Twin of Bob Fogerty, was a 4 sport athlete in baseball, football, hockey, and gymnastics. He was a member of a close knit athletic/friend group that hung out on playing fields together. It was fun to have the two brothers at opposite halfback as running in the same game and have our opponents wonder at the stamina of the player they thought was one person. Ron was the quintessential home-town boy until he retirement from the fire department and moved to the Cape" - *Bob Tedoldi*

"Louie was always encouraging, supportive.. a wonderful guy to be with.".....*Paul Hanna*  
(please also see Paul Cronin's remembrance under **John Feeney** above.)

### **Mayer Friedburg:**

Very versatile had more than one career. He retired at age 55 saying:" it was a great time to enjoy life and travel, play golf and then return to work later when the body didn't work as well.

How fortuitous to have had the opportunity to enjoy his retirement as he died at age 63.

### **Brian Garvin:**

"My memories of Brian go back to 7th and 8th grade when we used to (date), go to the movies at the Community Playhouse on Saturday afternoons. We would also walk home from Junior High, in the good weather with Charlie Weafer and Joan Trefry. He was a nice(Lower Falls) guy and even though we didn't date later, I would always consider him my friend." - *Joan Hansberry Defazio*.

"When we were kids, games and athletics generally always seemed to play a huge role in our lives. And in those days, in the 1940's and 1950's , baseball was king. We played it on elementary school fields, town fields, in Little League, and in high school. It was natural, of course, that those boys who excelled in baseball would have a higher standing than the rest of us, and the kid I remember the best was "Wick" Garvin.

"When we were at Warren School he stood out, and we all wanted him on our team. In high school, he was a quick fielding second baseman who helped lead the baseball team to the Eastern Mass. state finals in our Senior year. I don't think I have ever seen anyone I knew who played with the grace, style, and courage of Wick. His passing leaves a hole in the athletic firmament." - *Don Gould*

"Brian Gavin was also an outstanding student. I can still clearly remember how intently he would study in our 4th floor cafeteria study hall. He would be totally immersed in his work. No, he wasn't a National Honor Society person, but he was a very good student as well, as we have seen, an outstanding athlete especially in baseball and basketball." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Cindy Graham:**

"I was hoping Cindy would show up at the 40th and 50th. I have been thinking about her the last few weeks. Cindy and I worked to gather our senior year at the Hazel Bakery in Wellesley Hills. We were not close friends in high school but had so many good times working to gather after school. She had a wonderful sense of humor. Bobby Boles, Cindy and I knew all there was about bake goods! I remember Cindy was dating someone in the military and was planning to get married sometime after graduation.

"She seemed so grown up to me. The price of stamps going up was a big deal with her because she wrote him every day. She spoke so highly about him and was so proud that he was in the service. Cindy's future seemed so certain then and I thought that was so wonderful. I don't know if this is who she was married to for so many years but I hope so. - *Su Su Summers*

### **John Hoar:**

John, seen but not heard... generosity was his byword.

"John was an "unsung" athlete in basketball and track. Quiet, but a profound thinker. He was always generous and helpful. He was in my homeroom for several years and I got to know him fairly well.

He had a tremendous knowledge of sports and sport statistics. He could remember so many stats. Deeply caring . His quiet and reserved nature made his fine qualities unknown to many" - *Paul Hanna*

### **Inga Hodgson:**

"A brilliant student, kind, caring, and always so charming. Inga's background made her a very interesting addition to our class.

"Later became a doctor and psychiatrist who lived in Wellesley with her husband and children. Her death in 2007 from cancer was a great loss to her family, friends and profession." - *Paul Hanna*

"I remember Inga was smart, interesting, fun to hang out with and loved her native country, Iceland. I believe that she was born in Iceland which always fascinated me when we were in high school. She went to medical school and became a psychiatrist and I ran into her about 12 years ago when I was working on prison reform in my position as a state legislator. She was a physician at Bridgewater State Hospital for the criminally insane before she became ill and died of (*pancreatic*) cancer (*Oct., 2007*).

She was living in Wellesley at the time of her death." - *Kay Kraus Khan*

### **Mary Cecelia Houde:**

excellent student, our class secretary in our sophomore year. Great interest in nature, especially botany.

"Mary was bright, perceptive and cared deeply about people. During our high school years several of us met regularly at my house after school where we divided up the homework into areas of interest. She excelled at written language and read voraciously and was the true scholar of our "homework club. Mary Cecelia loved to learn and was eager to share what she knew and might well have become a university professor. Her life, however, took a different turn and ended much too soon. She is greatly missed.

"Even though Mary Cecelia died decades ago, she still is likely to come to mind when I'm dazzled by a burst of Spring color, impressed by a New York Times op-ed piece or watching a public broadcasting special on an author, artist, or architect. Mary Cecelia was curious about multiple facets of life and drawn to botany, literature, the fine arts, and politics.

"She sought to share her enthusiasm for those things with her high school friends, who, like myself were frequently more interested in finding ways to acquire gasoline, cigarettes, and alcohol, the "fuels" for our adventures back then. When I finally started to catch up with her intellectually we were a continent apart and her life had taken a trajectory that yielded a sudden and sad outcome.

"She was one of those exceptional people you get to meet in life who continue to positively shape you long after their physical presence is accessible.

"Mary Cecelia is greatly valued and missed" - *Peter McQuaid*

### **Herbert Johnson:**

Herb... always fun to be with.. dependable.

" I remember Herb as a fun loving guy who enjoyed many things. I remember that he was fond of our cafeteria lunches and especially liked the Turkey and trimmings we would often have on Thursdays in both the Jr. and Sr. High. I believe he pursued a career in the culinary arts". - *Paul Hanna*

### **Barbara Kingsley:**

Barb..... very energetic, a hard worker. She was always wearing a friendly smile and saw the cheery side in all situations. Dependable, you could always count on Barb to accomplish a task.

### **Pamela Knight:**

An invaluable member of our band and orchestra. Pam was light-hearted and carefree, always ready for a good laugh. She was highly efficient, a great person to have on your side to get things done.

### **Elizabeth Kunz:**

Libby, a true performing artist among us. Libby was very graceful as a dancer and had a great appreciation of the performing arts. A warm, friendly person, always a good friend to have and know.

"Libby was quiet and alert and very caring." - *Marie Trigg Puffer*

Libby Kunz was a quiet person, very warm, caring and appreciative. It was a pleasure to share a friendship with her. Libby was a person who asked for little, but gave a lot." - *Gail Biggin*

### **Roger Lamsey:**

fun loving... enjoyed life in all its facets.

"I remember Roger as a guy who always sought the light side of things. He was always up for a good joke or story, and believe me, he told many a good joke or story himself. Always with a smile he seemed to brighten any day." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Robert Linton:**

Our rebel from the South who came to us, I believe in the 8th grade: "The South Shall Rise Again". Great pitcher in baseball, ace of our staff that won the Bay State Championship in our senior year.

"Bobby Linton was a great friend, and a fine pitcher on the High School team. My fondest recollection was that he was called "Shadow" because he was so skinny on the mound that he didn't cast a shadow, but his fastball was awesome! He could bring heat for a High School pitcher. Was saddened and shocked to hear he had passed" - *Chris Wales*

"I can still remember his pitching a one or two hitter in the 9th grade at the Jr. High in the Spring of 1956. I remember clearly Phil Davis (who just died about 4 years ago at the age of 88), taking him aside after the game and telling him it was a great performance and he had a real future in the game. As Chris says, for a slightly built guy he has tremendous speed and movement on his fastball. Oh, for those innocent days of 1956!" - *Paul Hanna*

### **Marie Maccini:**

quiet, but with a very warm smile, always dependable. Marie, although quiet was a strong supporter of our sports team, always at the games. Kind and considerate, she added a lovely voice to our choruses

"Sometimes we think that only the people who speak up and do a lot of things that people see who make a difference. Marie showed that a quiet, but persistent, caring person could make a difference, too. Missed by many - ..*Paul Hanna*

### **Cliff MacGraham:**

"Cliff was a real performing artist. He could dance ice skate and had a wonderful career in the performing arts as a teacher before his untimely death a few years ago. One memory that sticks out for me is our sophomore year in 1956-1957-- January to be specific, when we were about to take our first mid-year exams. I came in to take mine-- I think in English with Mrs. Wilton (I loved her, and

Cliff looked very nervous. Well, I guess, we should have been for I remember that as a tough exam-- Cliff evidently knew that was coming. In a time when so much success is measured by money and power, Cliff was very successful in the performing arts." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Julie MacKenzie:**

One of the best female athletes at WHS in the decade of the 1950s. Her brother Ken was also a great athlete, football, track etc--

Julie was always fun to be around. A great sense of humor.

"I remember Julie from the basketball games and gym classes. She was always so active and full of laughter. She and her brother, Kenny, were always so full of life.

She will be missed by many." - *Audrey Bayliss Allen*

"One of our class most eager for another reunion. Happy person having a good time. Great athlete, strong and focused" - *Marie Trigg Puffer*.

"I remember Julie and Kenny as a kind of "Trapp family of athletics. They lived in a house on rte 9 Worcester Street just as you turned on to Weston Road. Mr. MacKenzie, their Dad, was always at the games and even some practices.

He seemed to instill a love of athletics in Julie and her brother, Ken." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Delsie Muir:**

Dee Dee-- only in our class one year as a senior, but she made a great impression with her wonderful personality. A great sports enthusiast and supporter of all school activities.

"I always called her Dee Dee. Though I met her in High School she didn't live that far from me. Many days she didn't make school so I would visit. She was the first person who introduced me to a teen with an illness--asthma-- which made it hard for her to breathe. Teens weren't supposed to get ill and have to use an inhaler or be hospitalized, but she took it all in stride - *Justy (Chevone) Nazar*

### **Catherine Murray:**

Cathy... a great musician, she was a devoted member of our band throughout high school.

"A fine student who saw life, it seems through the eyes of the artist. Reserved, but friendly, a caring individual." ....*Paul Hanna*

### **Kathleen O'Brien:**

Kathy came to WHS as a junior. Was highly-spirited, always a big smile for everyone. Was involved in many school activities. Kathy unfortunately left us quite early before our 25th reunion. To be missed.

### **Richard O'Connor:**

Dickie..... always out for a good time enjoyed all things. Had a very successful construction business, wife and several children.

"Dickie O'Connor was one of the guys I hung out with. Good guy to just hang around with in so many ways. Loved cars and could make friends with anyone. Ho Jo's was his second home." - *John Oakes*

### **Walter Palladino:**

A great guy, just lost him at the end of February. Always seen under the lights on the tennis courts on Washington Street.

"Wally and I became friends because he lived almost next door to my girlfriend. Another good guy with a big heart." - *John Oakes*

Walter Palladino went to elementary school with me at Kingsbury School. He was such an active kid – could never sit still! He had pointy ears. He was so happy to get together with everyone at the last reunion – he really enjoyed it. - *Janet Mittell*

"I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of our classmate, Wally Palladino. He and I reconnected in the mid 90's while playing tennis at the Weston Racquet Club. Wally was passionate about tennis and he was an outstanding player as was my beloved John. I'll always remember Wally's great sense of humor!

"He made people laugh even when they were sad. For both John and Wally, cancer was the "culprit". Life is not always fair, but life is good. My sincerest sympathy goes to Wally's wife, Debby, his two sons and grandchildren." – *Nancy Schoepfer Sanders*

### **Bernadette Pascal:**

Claire.... always funny, great to be with. She had a carefree attitude and never took things that seriously. Still, Claire was one you could depend on and was always there to assist.

### **Jane Perlmutter:**

Janie.... she had a great interest in all kinds of music. She collected many recordings and was an invaluable member of our chorus.

A very keen and perceptive mind, she was very knowledgeable about many things.

### **Carol Pope:**

Carol became one of the most accomplished members of our class, very successful in the world of higher education (see her obituary on our website). Her death notice in the New York Times said: "Beloved by her family and many friends for her unfailingly brilliant energy and love that touched the hearts of all who were privileged to know her. She was an adventurer, an educator, a mentor, an entrepreneur, and advisor to college presidents, a soul mate, a mother and much more".

"I remember that Carol always had the best parties at her house. Who can forget the moonlight swims in the Pope's pool." - *Bob Tedoldi*

" One could see at WHS that Carol would most likely excel in whatever she chose to do. She had a great, vivacious personality, always laughing, but intent on being serious when needed. Her energy, enthusiasm, and yes, intellect took her far. I thought she looked wonderful, so young and vibrant at our 40th reunion only to see a terrible disease take her just two years later. A bright light that shone for many to see now gone. We were very lucky to have known her at WHS." - *Paul Hanna*

'Carol Pope was every bit the terrific person she appeared to be at Wellesley High. I didn't know her well then, for she was, after all, very popular and involved in 'way more school activities than I. But we both went to Bucknell. She excelled in every activity she set her mind to, while I, well, I left after two years (and eventually graduated from B.U.) .

'What I remember best about her was that she was always happy to see me and acknowledge me to others as one of her good 'high-school buddies'. I basked in her generous friendship, for in reality, I was a skinny nerd who still wore braces throughout my freshman year. I had so hoped to see her at this reunion to tell her how much her kindness meant to me, at a time when she could just as easily have avoided me. Carol Pope was the genuine article. - *Ron Court*

### **Hugo Rossi:**

A great all around athlete who fought through debilitating injuries. Excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. Tall, good-looking, always smiling and looking to have a good laugh.

"Hugo Rossi was just bigger than life (figuratively and physically). A big kid with a sweet heart, he played lots of basketball and baseball even as he suffered from chronically bad knees. He got even bigger with his large family and construction company, but his life was cut short by a terrible auto accident." - *Bob Tedoldi*

"Hugo simply lit up any room that he entered. He made everyone that he met feel important. He was very enthusiastic about everything and became a great asset to the community of Ashland where he raised his family. He served on a number of boards there and was very active in his church. His death in 1984 was a great loss to his community, friends, and family." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Michael Rossman:**

Mike.. besides being extremely good looking, Mike was an accomplished actor who had the co-lead in our Senior Class play, "The Matchmaker"

"Mike joined us when he moved to Wellesley in our years at WHS, but very quickly fit in with his warm smile and pleasant personality. I remember one girl (I can't remember whom) who said he looked so much like the actor, Tony Perkins. He had a great sense of humor and you were always in for a good time when you were with him. His dependability, energy, and vision led him to have a very successful career in business. His death shortly before our 40th reunion was a big loss." - *Paul Hanna*

### **John Sanders:**

...excelled at many things. Outstanding leadership abilities led to a very successful business career.

"John and I grew up across the street from one another and I remember him as part of my neighborhood as well as our school community. Although we saw very little of each other in the years after high school, we were friends from the 8th grade. We even set up a walkie-talkie arrangement at one time for homework and chatter.

"John really was all the things the yearbook said: 'industrious, dependable, reliable, and good-looking. I called him 'handsome' and once, this had embarrassing consequences for me when, one day, I answered the phone thinking it was John and said, "Hi handsome." There was a dead silence, followed by "who do you think this is"? No amount of explanation saved that one. In spite of his uprightness, John had a mischievous side. Once he discovered that I was born at 2:30 in the morning. He determined that 2:30 am was the appropriate time to deliver his annual birthday message! His early death (*January, 1994*) was a loss to us all.

"There are few with John's dignity, high ethical standards and strong sense of direction and right." - *Janet Pippit Winkler*

"John Sanders was my idea of the perfect gentleman. He always seemed to have the right words to fit any situation or any group of classmates with whom he was interacting." - *Bob Tedoldi*

"I knew John the very best after he married my friend, Nancy Schoepfer. A wonderful family man, involved a great deal with his church. He worked hard in the insurance business and was very successful. He loved his own family and kept in close touch. A super tennis player and swimmer. Good man, liked all people, had good friends for all his life. A tragic loss" - *Marie Trigg Puffer*

"John Sanders was my first boyfriend--though I was certainly not his first girlfriend! Memories of 9th grade will always include John--so much fun and so good looking!

"Oh, for those innocent days of 1956." - *Martha Phemister Forbes*

"John was a very deep thinking person as well as someone successful in the world of business. At the end of our freshman year in college in the Summer of 1960, John and I had a conversation with a minister in Wellesley about the two of us going into the ministry. John went on to excel in the business world, but always remained a dedicated and devoted member of his church especially the church in Dover, Ma. where he and Nancy were members.

"He was the kind of lay person that every clergyman /woman would love to have as a member of their congregation. John was a very caring and committed person who saw the necessity of a social dimension to his faith. He carried this out as an active member of the Social Concerns Committee of his church. The Christian ministry would have been well served by John as a clergyman and yet he carried out his own "ministry" in the real world where we all know it is very much needed." - *Paul Hanna*

"John was one of my first boyfriends- handsome, polite and caring.

"We went to many a 'record hop!' He and Nancy were active in Mass Audubon and lived next to the Broadmoor Audubon Sanctuary in Natick; I think of him when I walk there and sit on the bench placed in his memory." - *Sally Baldwin Tipton*

"John Sanders also went to elementary school at Kingsbury. We sometimes had neighborhood get-togethers, as he was down the street. I remember the party his parents let him have out in the back yard, and they strung colored lights all around. He was a really nice guy. - *Janet Mittell*

### **Susan Schmetzer:**

Sue, outstanding student, National Honor Society... curious about everything.

"Sue and her family moved in next door to me when she was in the sixth grade. She was tall and quiet and a good student. We didn't have many of the same friends, but I considered her a friend and admired her quiet perseverance and kindness. I lost track of her years ago, but hope those fine qualities brought her happiness in later years." - *Joanne Fay Gibson*

(ed.: Sue did have a very successful career in law and in politics serving as a congressional aide.)

### **Robert Shaul:**

Bob... quiet, but determined. Had interests in what was going on in the world.

"I really did not know Bob while we were at WHS, but got to know him as an undergraduate at Northeastern University where he majored in Political Science. Bob joined the Young Americans for Freedom group-- it was a national conservative organization. We were very different politically, I considered myself a liberal who liked John F. Kennedy and later Lyndon Johnson after the events of November 22, 1963. Bob was very active in the campaign to get Barry Goldwater the 1964 Republican presidential nomination which we know was successful. Although Goldwater lost, Bob continued to articulate his conservative views. Lost touch with him after we left school and was saddened to hear of his death. He was a real gentleman in the truest sense of the word." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Lorraine Snooks:**

A lovely person in so many ways. Caring, dependable, Lorraine enjoyed life in so many ways. She died in 2007 leaving many friends behind.

### **Richard Stewart:**

Dick.... Dick was very friendly, always cheerful, and he enjoyed life. A deep thinking person, he was always there to help a friend in need. A quiet, but meaningful presence. Dick became a very successful person in the oil industry before his untimely death before our 40th reunion. A loss to all of us.

### **Ronald Thompson:**

A nice all around guy who liked to hang out with his friends and enjoy life.

"Ron Thompson was another good school friend of mine. We played many a game of football and baseball on the field behind the Hardy School.

"Just a good guy that everyone cared about." - *John Oakes*

### **Robert Thurber:**

"Bob, a brilliant student and scientist. A Harvard man. Bob cared deeply for the environment and the kind of world we would leave to our children and grandchildren. He conducted a very courageous battle with a terrible disease a couple of years before our 40th reunion. He showed us how to meet death with dignity." - *Paul Hanna*

"Bob was the classmate I was closest to, perhaps because we were neighbors in high school and sometimes walked home together the winding roads of the Cliff Estates. Bob was my companion when I desperately needed a companion. Not there all the time, but enough. Neither one of us fit in, at least I didn't in high school. And we were tall and awkward, uncertain.

"We both went to college in Cambridge, Harvard for him, Radcliffe for me. Continued to be friends. He would sometimes call me and we would go for long walks. Or, maybe I called him. My life in those years was often up and down, and Bob offered balance. We never dated. Only once can I remember us touching. For some reason I was driving home from a group ski trip with him. He was driving his new car, a Porsche, and the roads were icy. He was in love with that car--who wouldn't be? --and was driving too fast, all the time telling me in his bookish way where the engine weight was and how if he did X, the car did Y, and so we were perfectly safe.

"Twelve years ago when he was dying from an inoperable brain tumor, he called. (I had written him because Doug Eichorn had called me to tell me he was ill). Bob wanted to revisit the old times and places, talk about our classes with Mr. Crockett, catch up. We talked several times, his speech sometimes slurring, both of us trying to find the words. I planned to visit him on August 10 (his 56th birthday). Then, my father died and I couldn't go and in September on the same day as my father's memorial service in Wellesley Hills, Bob died at his home in Bethesda, Maryland. -- his three sons and wife Jane with him.

"What Bob said in his July letter to me should be passed on: "There have been many unexpected blessings from this illness, one of which was having heard from so many friends who were so important to me during my HS years, including you, Sally Fearnside, Bob Heick and Rachel B." - *Lorian Brown*

### **David Timmons:**

Dave, able and hardworking. His reserved nature often hid his industrious side. A great person to know in time of need. Dave became an important person in the Wellesley Fire Department.

"I remember Dave vaguely as a slight person, handsome, his hair perfectly combed. When this was I have no idea. Did we go to Warren together? I see Dave's grave every time I visit my father's grave at Woodlawn cemetery off of Brook Street. His stone is two rows over, 1941-1983.

"One of my own already gone. To be remembered" - *Lorian Brown*

### **Charles Weafer:**

Weaf.... cared deeply about each member of our class and life in general. Our poet laureate, he had deep insight into the most important things in life. His interest in poetry and art was a wonderful balance to both his own business interests and the materialism of our present culture.

"I would like to remember Charlie Weafer and thank him for all the laughs, the fun at parties, Lower Falls, the drug store, CYO dances. Also skipping school and hiding on the car floor going through Wellesley" - *Kathy Donahue Papazian*

"Weaf and I shared a great interest in meteorology (the weather). Some of those years were great-- two hurricanes in 1954--Hurricane Carol and Hurricane Edna. But Charlie looked at life with a wonderful sense of balance. He sought to do well in the business world and succeeded for himself and wonderful wife and children. But he saw that life was much more than balance sheets and investment portfolios (something many of us have come to see in the past year). Like William Blake he was able to perceive a deeper reality beyond our senses, a reality that is God. His wit and wise sense of balance about all things is greatly missed." - *Paul Hanna*

### **Grant Wheeler:**

Not a member of our class but did attend with us through the 9th grade-- just a great guy.

"I remember Grant as someone who always had a big, warm smile for everyone." - *Bob Miller*

"Grant was a truly all around person. A great athlete, he starred as an end (that is what we called them, then) on our freshman football team-- made some great catches. Grant went on to study for the Christian ministry and later became a very successful investment advisor. His death this past November in Maine was a great loss to his family, many friends, and community. - *Paul Hanna*

### **Fredrick White:**

Fred - quiet, but industrious, always had a kind word for those he knew.

## **Judith Wright:**

Jodi ----" I grew up with Jodi as a childhood playmate. Such a nice friendship, always there for me. Worked for the First National Bank of Vermont, still loved horses, rides, and motorcycles. Active with Dolphin fleet, watching for coastal studies. Was devoted to our reunions." - *Marie Trigg Puffer*

"After our 25th reunion, on her way to Scammon's Lagoon in Mexico, Judy Wright visited with us in San Diego. Judy had a passion for whales and the sea and it was contagious. By the time my wife and I, dropped her at the embarcadero we were ready to become stowaways on her dream cruise. Judy's life was shortened by cancer, but memories of the joy she had for life and her love of nature live on in those who knew her." - *Peter McQuaid*

"Jodi was a great friend who loved life, putting "hot pipes" on her mother's car, whale watching, and who fought cancer with a vengeance, never giving up hope. She is truly missed. Judy was a great person who loved life and was taken from us much too soon! - *Helen Cotter Neal*.

"Judy and I were pals at Hunnewell School and were great trading card buddies (she coveted the horses I had!!). We shared a birthday.... the first other person I knew born on that day (though I later learned we had to share it with Ronald Reagan !) - *Sally Baldwin Tipton*