



# South Salem High School

Class of 1963

# NEWSLETTER

2020 Winter Edition

## SOUTH HIGH GETS A NEW LOOK!

*An Overview of the Remodeling going on at South*



*South High Entrance and Lobby*



*Above: The South Pool, now gone and on the right how the area looks after the buildings were taken down.*



Below are the websites where you can follow the remodeling of our favorite high school:

<https://www.facebook.com/salemkeizerschools/videos/south-salem-high-school-bond-overview-video/652097908694724/>

October Update:

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/money/business/development/2020/10/05/what-construction-south-salem-high-school-oregon/5721453002/>

<https://salkeiz.k12.or.us/south-salem-bond/>

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# The Class of 1963 Veterans Project

by Dan Withers and John Luchau



Dan Withers' email:  
danwithers@q.com

These two classmates put together a truly special web site with contributions from other classmates who served in the military. If you have not visited it yet, please take a few minutes and look it over.

Also a special thank you to all who took the time to share their experiences and thoughts of this time in our history.

Here is the website:

[www.warboats.org/sshs63veterans.htm](http://www.warboats.org/sshs63veterans.htm)



John Luchau's email:  
wolfuchau@aol.com

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The articles also inspired Glen Johnson to write asking if any classmates had served as commissioned officers in the U.S. Public Health. Others suggestions include classmates that became artists. Classmates that are musicians. Classmates that went into law, or medicine, or teaching, or construction. There are so many ways that made our class special. For now, anything that a classmate wants to share about themselves is welcomed and appreciated. Our goal is to stay connected and supportive to those that were so dear to the fabric of our being.

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## Finding Classmates...

Please let Bernadette Barrett know if you have any changes to your contacts.: (541-753-3286 rlbdbarrett@aol.com)

List of Missing Classmates as of 3/24/19

James Alexander  
Michael Anderson  
Evelyn Cobb Lewis  
Judy Brimm-George  
Michael Butler  
Floyd Chase  
Katherine Jo (Katy) Clyde  
Ray Coopridner  
Schelly Culver  
Joan Davidson  
Larry D Davidson  
Karlet (or Carlette) Davis  
Robert A. Day  
Paul Dixon  
Carol Duggan

Mary Jean Eller Woods  
Cheryl Franklin Pack  
Steven Ferry  
Larry Fisher  
Peter Groves  
Pam Gruel Charles  
Jerry Hanson  
Joan Arlene Hudson  
Paul J Johnson  
Janet Jones  
Jane Louise Jones  
Diane Meloy Sandsburn  
Kathy Merin-Strickler  
Elaine Nelson  
Courtland Newhardt

David L. Nicholas  
Nancy Noffsinger  
Joan Penniman Langa  
Elaine Pecht  
Stevie Romander  
Bruce Shuler  
Patricia Standal  
Sharon Thompson  
Gail Titus Redding Boatwright  
Jerry Tracy  
Mary Walberg  
Kathy Wilson



# Northwest Fires

*Photos provided by Barb Cross*

On September 9, 2020, a small fire near Detroit blew up to a massive fire that destroyed homes in Detroit, Gates, Mill City, Lyons, Mehema, and on the Little North Fork. I know of several classmates that were displaced for a time in Canby and Molalla. Others lost family homes near Detroit Lake or along the Santiam. Up the McKenzie River, many homes were destroyed. Below are three pictures from our property on the Little North Fork.

For more information you can go to the following web page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/firestats.aspx>



# Notes From Classmates...

## Flint Garringer writes ...

Leslie was quite an adventure for me, being that I came from Brush College Grade school in West Salem. Brush College was a two-room school with 1-3 in one big room and 4-6 grades in the other. Ask David Rowe about it. He rode the bus with me and it was 56 miles round trip each day.

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## A Note From Marlyn Lewis ...

Got word that Marlyn Lewis' mother died September 26 at the age of 95. She was a widow for 24 years and had lived in Salem from 1953-2017.

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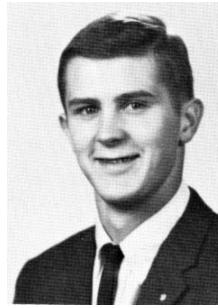
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## Some Thoughts....

Third Wednesday of every month lunch has been cancelled due to COVID 19.

Funding issues: The Class of 63 has two accounts.

- One is our "mailing" account. As we are no longer mailing the newsletter, that account is being used to support the website so we can reach all the Class of 1963. The money pays for the domain and web hosting. Before a major reunion, we do mail postcards to the full class. We have approximated \$600 remaining in this fund and this amount will support our mailing for about two years. If you want to support this Class communication, send a donation to 520 112<sup>th</sup> Street SW, #240, Everett, WA 98204 and make checks payable to Sue Gleckler Palmason.
- The second account is our reunion account. Thank you to Glen Johnson for a contribution to this account.
- We use about \$500 a year to provide support to host smaller "mini" reunions. In 2019 we offered three mini reunions. A gathering at Coria winery in May. This was well attended even for those that don't drink wine. In July we offered an opportunity on the Lake Oswego Trolley. In September we offered a casual BBQ at a classmate's farm. A committee will be working toward a gathering for our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2023. We will need more funds gearing up to the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. To give financial support for the reunion account make checks out to SSHS 63.
- Send to Kris Campbell Lockard, 1388 Parkmeadow Dr. NE, Keizer, Oregon 97303.



## Blast From The Past.....

Glen Johnson sent a couple of fun pictures from 1960.  
How many can you identify?



**Front Row:** Denny Ward, Mark Gustafson, Toni Simpson, unknown, Dale Seipp, Nan Nelson or Janice Akerson, maybe Joyce Cates.

**Middle Row:** Kathy Merin or Cathy Stone, Don Sheldon, Mary Lee Milne, Jack Price, George Robb, Wes Chase, unknown, unknown, Cobe Grabenhorst, unknown.

**Last Row:** Gary Gustafson, Barb Ling, Lois Swearinger? Jim Price, Glen Johnson, Becky Lorenz, Gary Fries, Unknown

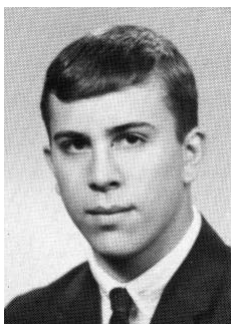


**Front Row:** Mark Gustafson, Dale Seipp, Chuck Burrell, Mike Welcome

**Middle Row,** Don Sheldon, Wes Chase, George Robb, Cobe Grabenhorst

**Last Row:** Gary Fries, Gary Gustafson, Jack Price, Glen Johnson, Jim Price

## *In Sadness...*



### **GERALD ROGER SAVAGE**

*May 25, 1945*

*April 15, 2014*

**W**e have not found an obituary, but I want to say a few words as Jerry and I were good friends while we were both members of the rally squad. Jerry was the one that told the Rally Squad if we were on offense or

defense in the early games. I confided in Jerry during Rally practice and asked him to explain certain terms used by classmates. Embarrassed, he said some terms needed to be explained by others. A few years ago, I stood next to a man who was with his friend buying my neighbor's car. This man had a full beard. We started talking about growing up in Salem. He went to South Salem. I asked him what year he graduated, and he said 1963. I said, "me too!" We exchanged names and Jerry and I both started laughing.

*Barb Hoxsey Cross*

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### **GARY DENNIS ALLEN**

*August 9, 1945*

*August 28, 2020*

**O**n Friday, August 28, 2020 Gary Dennis Allen, loving and generous husband to Carol Boise Allen and all furry friends, brother, son, uncle, and devoted friend passed away at the age of 75 in his Salishan home with



Carol at his side and beloved dog Sissy. Gary was born to Ben and Beth Allen on August 9, 1945 in Spokane, Washington. The family moved to Oregon in 1948, living most years in Salem, Oregon. Gary EXCELLED in all sports but found his love of basketball in Junior High and South Salem High School, graduating in 1963. He was team captain in basketball, quarterback in football and lettered in track, and baseball as well as basketball and football. His senior year he was chosen the 1963 athlete of the year. His senior year at South High gave him a number of honors. First team All-League for the Saxons, 1st team All Tournament held at Mac Court in Eugene, 1st team All State and a full ride scholarship to Oregon State University but hurt his back after his Freshman year and had to quit. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta

fraternity and served as President of his house. He was chosen to be Joe College his Sophomore year. Gary also excelled in tennis and could play with anyone. Golf was also a passion of his and he had a handicap of 2 or 3. Gary was inducted into the Saxon Hall of Fame in 2003, which honors past Saxon great athletes, coaches, administrators, and people of the community.



Gary spent 25 years practicing law, graduating from Willamette Law School in Salem in 1972. He practiced for a short time in Portland in Tax law, then back to Salem to start his own practice with James Vick and part time in Albany in Worker's Comp, Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice. He retired in 1995 and he and Carol moved to Salishan in 2004, finding a perfect and peaceful home and property, raising their dogs and working hard for the animals of Lincoln County. They also had an A-frame cabin in Gates, Oregon, on the North Santiam River for 28 years with many parties, events, rafting, and fishing activities. His membership included: the Oregon Bar, Salem YMCA, Backpack for Kids, FOLCAS (Friends of Lincoln County Animals), Investor for the Oregon Garden, Salishan Golf Club, Saxon Football Foundation, and sponsoring an at risk teenager while in Salem.

Survivors include his wife, Carol, having just celebrated 52 years of marriage and dating 6 years prior to marriage, his beloved dog, Sissy, two sisters, Joanne Jensen (Roger), Janine Lynch (Gary), brother-in-law Ron Boise (Linda) and four nephews. Brady Jensen, his nephew, was ever so helpful throughout Gary's illness, as was his oldest and best friend, Dave Johnson.

Being kind, compassionate, and generous and loving is what Gary Allen was to all people and animals. He was a great storyteller and told the best jokes, maybe sometimes twice. Carol was his best supporter and best friend. It was a love affair that will never end.

A celebration of life will happen later. Pacific View Memorial Chapel handled the cremation and services.

Memorial contributions may be made to FOLCAS-Newport, OR, c/o The Max Fund, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Police K-9 vests for dogs.

Gary had a love of life and a firm understanding of what was important, such as living a life with those you love. Gary was loved by many and will be missed by many. He had a wonderful life and will never be forgotten.

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# In Sadness...

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## TRIBUTES TO GARY

Friday Saxon Nation lost a superstar, Gary Allen. Gary was the total package. He was an excellent student, somebody everybody wanted to be friends with an outstanding athlete, and the best looking guy at South.

Basketball was where Gary had the greatest impact. The follow through on his jump shot was poetry in motion. It was so graceful and smooth. A Gary Allen trademark was that he would tap his right foot like was trying to push foot to the toe of his shoe when was waiting for someone else to shoot a free throw. I tried it. It only helped Gary.

Wayne Metzger and I could not have shouted any louder in support of Gary when he stared for the OSU Rooks. Our hearts were broken when he was injured. He was headed for greatness at that level as well.

Gary, thank you for the example you set. You did it all including marrying the prettiest girl in school. I, for one, cherished every moment I got to see you play.

RIP

*Jim Shinn*

I am so saddened to hear about the loss of Gary Allen. Gary was an incredible athlete and talent, and excelled at every sport he tried. As Jim Shinn noted in his touching tribute, Gary's injury while at Oregon State was heart breaking to us but was devastating to Gary. No one really knew how that injury would affect Gary's life.

The year of our 50th South High reunion I spoke with Gary over the phone for well over an hour, reminiscing about the glory days of our basketball years and re-telling stories that we hadn't thought about for most of those 50 years. The saddest part for me was realizing the regret that Gary must have felt, for missing out on what should have been his best athletic years. Yet I was impressed with the courage that he showed, even when robbed of his strength and superb coordination, as he told me of his tough daily workout regimen using a swimming pool to walk laps. But the most poignant memory that I took from our conversation was Gary's admission that the one clear and guiding light, that helped him through everything, was his love for his wife. You are a good man, Gary.

*Wayne Metzger*

Gary Allen, besides being a great athlete, was a devoted friend to many of us....

During our Freshman year at Oregon State, Gary invited me to "rush" with him, and eventually pledge Delta Tau Delta as his future fraternity brother; sadly, I had to

decline, as ROTC and being the Tri-Delt sorority "House boy" Captain, left me little time for other activities ... To have him ask me, I consider an "Honor" ....we all admired him. None more than me!!

It is a regret that I could not join him, that I think of often. A sacrifice I hated to make. Gary was a very thoughtful guy. That is what I remember most about him. Not the "stardom", nor being a Macho guy, which he really was not.

*Rand Wintermute*



**SHEIRY GAYLE  
(TROXELL)**

**BEARD**  
*February 20,  
1945*  
*October 17,  
2020*

Sheiry Gayle (Troxell) Beard was the oldest daughter born to Jack and Luella Troxell along with her siblings: Leah, Jeff and Lyn in Salem, OR on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1945. She graduated from South Salem High School in 1963 and then moved to Minnesota where she attended St. Paul Mounds Midway School for Nursing. Sheiry moved onto Salem hospital where she worked as a Labor and Delivery nurse for 23 years.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 she married Duane Beard. The two of them spent time at the coast and Palm Springs and always had a game of cribbage going. Sheiry was an avid reader, and excellent cook and a knitting extraordinaire. She loved music, traveling and movies and had a great sense of humor.

She is survived by her husband, Duane; her two daughters, Holly McGuire and Emily Quick; her grandson Jonah McGuire; and stepchildren Michael Beard and Michele Neal and their families. Donations can be made at (pcc.edu) Portland Community College Foundation, Student Scholarships, comment: Nursing, in honor of Sheiry Gayle Beard.

**JAN THURSTON GLODT  
TROUPE**

*November 16, 1945*  
*August 24, 2020*

