



# South Salem High School

*Class of 1963* **NEWSLETTER**

2021 Winter

## SKI CABIN MEMORIES

*By Chris Campbell Lockard*



During our years of High School, my dad leased a cabin at Hoo-Doo Ski Bowl. We'd take a couple of carloads of buddies and haul them up there for snowy ski weekends. We kids would ski and Dad and Ferne, on the cabin's old wood stove, would fix spaghetti and garlic bread for our dinner and blueberry pancakes for breakfast.

I found these pictures in my dad's slides. They are colored with age but remain a good record of the fun we had.



Getting tossed into the snow: Miles Schlesinger, and doing the tossing: Steve Bauer & John Chu.



In these pictures: The Pyramid: Left to right and top to bottom, JoAn Silke Walpole, Kris Campbell Lockard, Bernie Stone Barrett, Carol Boers Markt, Roger Wilson, Toby Pomeroy, Steve Bauer, Ken Burrell, Peter Groves.

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As many of you know, I've been writing a series of mystery novels. The stories take place in and around Camp Sherman, Oregon, also with scenes in Portland, Central Oregon, and the Cascade Mountains. I just finished the fifth book in the series, *The Coldest Case*. I dedicated it to John Luchau. Shortly before he died, John re-read my first four novels. He took the effort to write a note and thank me for taking him back to his favorite places in Oregon. That's the kind of guy he was. He could not have given my writing a greater compliment.

By the time you receive this newsletter, I'll have a website for the books, <http://krislockard.com>. I hope you check it out.

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# The Class of 1963 Veterans Project

by Dan Withers and John Luchau



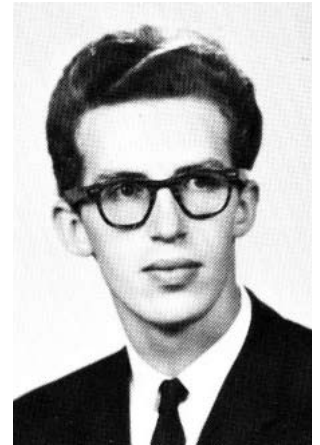
Dan Withers' email:  
[dwithers@rodaxwireless.com](mailto:dwithers@rodaxwireless.com)

Dan Withers and John Luchau put together a website for Class of 63 Veterans. We had 58 classmates contribute to this project.

If you were in the military, please let Dan know so he can update the website.

## SSHS Veterans website

<https://warboats.org/sshs63veterans.htm>



John Luchau



## Finding Classmates...

Please let Bernadette Barrett know if you have any changes to your contacts.: (541-753-3286 [barrett6874@comcast.net](mailto:barrett6874@comcast.net))

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

## Funding for the Class of 1963

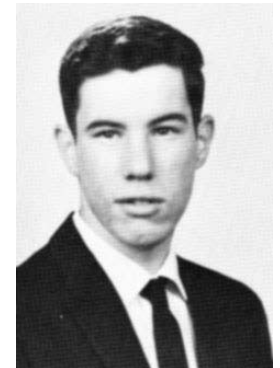
We have two funds for the Class of 1963. Communications (website and mailing) and Reunions.

For Communications, we had donations from Barb Atkinson Coats, John Luchau, and John Chu. If you want to support this Class communication, send a donation to 520 – 112th Street SW #240, Everett, Washington 98204 and make checks payable to Sue Gleckler Palmason.

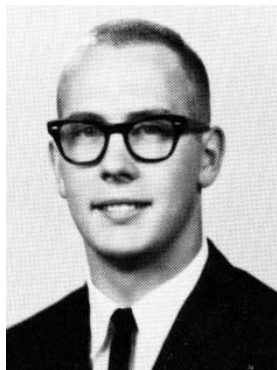
If you want to support Reunions mail checks payable to South Salem High School Class of '63, c/o Kris Campbell Lockard, 1388 Parkmeadow Dr. NE, Keizer, Oregon 97303. In 2021 we had donations from John Luchau and Marlyn Lewis.

## Trolley Update

David Rowe reported that the Vintage Trolley Battery Project is progressing at a slow pace after more than two years of work. We calculate that over 1000 hours of labor remain before car 514 is lowered back onto the track to run again.



# Where They Are Now!



*Ron Nichols*

Greetings fellow SSSH classmates of '63:

First of all, on this 2021 Veteran's Day, I want to offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who have served in the military regardless of the type of service rendered. So much appreciated.

Many times, since our graduation day 57-1/2 years ago I've been made thankful for the privilege of being a part of our generation. The recent demolition of the old Leslie Jr. High building has undoubtedly brought more memories to mind. Wow! What memories there are, having lived at the west end of Howard Street through grade school and High school. There where the trips to Leslie

pool, to Bush Park, the Junior High and High School sporting events and so many more events, etc. I'm sure all the neighbors in the neighborhood put up with a lot, but without complaining. Larry Nunn and his younger brother know what I'm referencing.

I'm amazed that I haven't come across more of you folks in the years since '63. I haven't gotten very far from home. Seven years at OSU, short stays in Ontario and Portland, Oregon and the rest of the time in the Salem/Keizer area, 49 years in fact. Those of you I have met up with, even did business with, I consider special experiences. Few, but way too short lived. It would be nice to reconnect and catch up with you folks and connect with the rest of you folks as well.

Thanks again for your part in making many fond memories!! I cherish each personal update you folks submit. Best wishes and good health as we move forward. Take good care. Ron Nichols, SSSH Class of '63

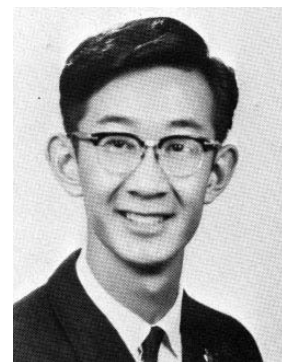


*Ann Chambers Hadley*

About me...here is a thumbnail: I had a long gratifying career in mental health working for Clackamas County. After retiring I have found many new activities and friends. I take a dance/exercise class three days a week and enjoy all my fun senior classmates. I belong to several groups

that meet monthly for lunch and a program. There is also a group that meets monthly for a casual lunch and French conversation (my ability hasn't advanced much beyond high school) I am currently volunteering in an English as a second language class. My wonderful husband died two years ago after 53 years of marriage, and I miss him. Fortunately, one of my married sons lives a block away. He has my only grandson, named Tiger, who is 12. I love being a daily part of his life and watching him grow.

*John Chu*



John writes that he is living the good life in New York, where he has lived since graduating from Princeton. He and his wife, Rita (whom he met at Princeton), have one daughter, a 14-year-old grandson and an 11-year-old granddaughter. John's career was in banking/finance, risk analysis. They enjoy traveling to France where John mangles his high school French, and they frequently travel to Costa Rica to visit his son-in-law's parents and relatives. John's daughter, an architect, is fluent in French and Spanish, and his grandchildren are both fluent in Spanish and SMS (aka "text speech"). Rita claims fluency in English sub-titles though John attests to her exceptional fluency in that far more important language of common sense. They look forward to traveling more now that John is retired. John's wish for his classmates echoes that of Spock: Be Happy, Live Long, and Prosper.

*Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!*



# In Sadness...



## **JOHN MICHAEL LUCHAU**

*March 21, 1945*

*August 3, 2021*

John Michael Luchau, 76, passed away at his home on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. He was born March 21, 1945 in Salem, Oregon. John served in the US Navy for 28 years and was a Vietnam veteran. He and his wife, Christie, moved to Nicholasville in 2017 from Kea'au, Hawaii, where they had lived since his retirement. John quickly adapted to life in Kentucky, where he enjoyed hiking, bicycling, canoeing and attending antique car shows with his '46 Ford. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Laura Luchau, brothers Wes (Ennetta), Clark (Marlene), and sister Gail Miller, along with numerous nieces and nephews, who are all west coast residents. Care Cremation and Funeral Service is honored to be entrusted with final care.



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## **DALE E. SEIPP**

*September 4, 1945*

*August 14, 2020*

Dale E. Seipp, Sr. was born September 4, 1945 in Salem, Oregon to Kenneth and Blanche Seipp. He attended schools in Salem, graduating from South Salem High School in 1963.

Dale attended the University of Oregon briefly before transferring to Northwest Christian College, also in Eugene, Oregon. While getting his ministerial training, Dale met Kathleen (Kathie) McLarrin. They were married on July 16, 1966. Dale graduated from NCC in 1968. At that time, Dale was youth minister at the First Christian Church in Newberg, Oregon. While serving there, Dale and Kathie became parents to Dale,



Jr. Later that year, Dale accepted a call as minister at the Oceanlake Christian Church in Lincoln City. Dale also served on the Lincoln City Reserve Police Force. Dale was instrumental in building an addition on the church while there.

In 1970, their second son, Darrin was born. Dale felt the need for seminary training and moved the family to Johnson City, Tennessee to attend Emmanuel School of Religion. They moved on faith as Dale had yet to try out at, and receive the call from, the Lynnwood Christian Church in Johnson City. After only one year of training, the family moved back to Oregon following the death of Dale's mom. They landed in Newberg again where Dale did some apprentice work at Attrell's Funeral Home, owned by very close friends. In February of 1972, Dale moved the family to Everett, Washington to accept the call from the Evergreen Christian Church. Once again, the congregation grew and needed to add on to the building. Dale led the members of the church in adding on two buildings to house classrooms and an office. The Seipp family also added on with the birth of Daleen in 1973. While in Everett, Dale was able to enjoy a tour of the Holy Lands. In later years, he led two more tours, helping many travelers to a better understanding of the Bible. The summer of 1977 meant a move to Portland, Oregon where Dale became the minister of the Parkrose Christian Church. He served in this position for twelve years. Dale was able to complete his Master's degree in theology at Warner Pacific College and also earned his funeral director's license. Dale traveled on his days off to hold seminars across the country. He held workshops for ministers and funeral directors encouraging them to work together to meet the needs of grieving families. He also shared with ministers how to make services personal in order to honor the deceased rather than use it to preach at people. He wrote several brochures on grief and bereavement. Dale experienced a time of "burn out" and switched ministries from the church to funeral service. For many years, Dale worked in or managed several funeral establishments in the Portland area as well as in Lynnwood, Washington. Eventually, Dale returned to the pastorate at The Church at Rockwood in Portland. Dale retired in 2016 due to Alzheimer's Disease. He passed from this life to his Heavenly home on August 14, 2020 while under Hospice care at home. Dale had been diagnosed with Lymphoma ten days earlier. Dale loved our Lord and Savior, his family, and his many friends. Dale is survived by his wife, Kathie; children: Dale and Dana Seipp, Darrin and Julie Seipp, Daleen McElhaney; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his brother K.L. Seipp. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law Rick McElhaney.

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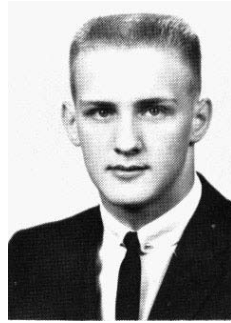
# *In Sadness...*

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## **DON SHELDON**

*December 15, 1944*

*October 21, 2021*



**D**onald Lee Sheldon, beloved husband, father and grandfather was unexpectedly called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Don entered the world on December 15, 1944 born to Emery and Thelma Sheldon in Kansas. He graduated from South Salem High School in 1963. His career started at Meier & Frank and he was fortunate enough to work as a buyer for Fred Meyer Stores when Mr. Meyer was the boss. Don also worked for the Oregon Deaf School. Don loved riding motorcycles, football, and cats. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Cynthia, 3 children, Scott, Jen and Taylor, Rex, Heather, Jade and Savannah, and Stephanie and Nathan. He will be greatly missed.

*The following notes were submitted about Don by classmates when learning of his passing.*

That is a real shocker. Don and I danced at so many dances and had so much fun together in High School!

— Denny

He was so much fun! I remember riding on the back of his Vespa.

— Sue

He was such a great guy!

Met Don when we were 6! Always kind, sweet, fun. He brought a spark of something very special to our monthly lunches. I will miss him greatly; I think we all will!

— Frieda

Don was such a sweet and fun guy, always kind and engaging. So very sad to hear of his passing. I will miss him! So glad for our reunions, mini-reunions, and lunches these last years!

I am sorry to hear Don passed away. My memories of him were in leather shop class In Leslie Jr High. He teased me because of my pimples. But he was a great guy though.

— Dave Rowe

Oh, gosh! I will sure miss Donny. All my football years, Donny was the halfback who ran up my back and put cleat marks on the back of my legs. We laughed about it back then and for almost 60 years after, each time we met. So glad I got to sit next to him at our last lunch.

— Dave Avison

I am sad to hear that Don has passed. We had a good time in high school. He was such a sweetheart to me and always smiling. That is how I remember him his grin and happy disposition.

Bob and I both have fond memories of him. He was always so positive. We both remember him from the last gathering this fall...riding in on his bike. He will be missed.

— Anne (Holweger) and Bob Jones

I'm saddened to learn of Don's passing. He is one of the finest friends I've been blessed with. Kindred spirits on numerous levels. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace dear friend... I'll see you on the other side.

— Cobe

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## **JOHN WESLEY**

### **VARAH**

*Passed Away in 2018*

