



Joplin Eagles

"JHS Class of '64"

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Reliving the Class of '64 Reunion

"What a Grand Three Days We Had"

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We did it, it's a done deal. The 55th class reunion was held June 7th thru the 9th at the Holiday Inn in Joplin, MO

We had right at 160 attend and that included the 84 classmates that made it. We had a pretty great attendance record as only three that had paid to be with us were no shows for unforeseen reasons.

What made this such a great time was all the classmates and others that joined together to make sure we had one great event! We would like to thank all that donated monies as well as those that donated their time at some of the special events that were held to raise funds to make it happen at a very reasonable cost to anyone attending.

We send out special thanks to Kristie Barley, Chef Jay Sitton, along with Jim & Dewayne of the Holiday Inn for their hospitality and help in making this an event to remember. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lou Ann Hart Bryant, Carol Bingham, Judy Beasley Marcum, Carole Willis Wolford and Judy Magers Headlee of the class of '65, you were a delight and most enjoyable to work with and we deeply appreciate your being with us.

We also thank our honorary class members Dick & Dot Espy for the video & photo work that will be so cherished by all classmates.

The DVD will be sent as soon as it's edited and then duplicated. The committee has agreed that a copy of the DVD, as well as the class directory will be sent to those that donated monies for the event and to those that paid to attend but had to cancel at the last moment.

I would personally like to acknowledge and thank classmate Jeanne Lewis Owen for the work she does behind the scenes in proofing the blunders that occur when writing this newsletter, but most of all I personally thank you for the wonderful quilt that you surprised me with and was signed by some of the attendees. To quote you; it "Camps across my lap with a cat or two holding it down." There have been a few times that I've had to referee a territorial disputes that occurred as to who gets what spot on the quilt and my lap. I am forever grateful to you.

That's it for the opening monologue, now it's on with the show.



A little something on the planning of the 55th Reunion that culminated 3 years out from the June 2019 date. Committee Members Connie Culton Cox, Secretary, Stephanie White Everitt, Treasurer, June Duvall Cota, Team Leader of decorations, Jim Christiansen, Golf Master, Carol Corbin Buck, Team Leader of the Car Shows, Sharon Peters Arnold, Manager of the storage & transportation of décor & raffle items and myself. Many thanks to a great team to work with and this was one of the best and I've worked with many over the years. Pre-planning was everyone's top agenda and the main reason, like the 50th, it ran smoothly as silk.

The planning of the two car shows ran like clockwork and was a great moneymaker for us. Thank you again Carol Buck, for a job well done. Thanks to all those that donated items for the raffle table, that too made a nice profit that added to the class checking account.

Of course, the big prize of the evening was the 50" UHD Smart TV with Xbox One and the winner of that was no other than our classmate Robyn King Wade, so take a bow Robyn and congratulations on a fantastic win, for you and Gary.

Picking the right place to meet the criteria that were set wasn't a hard choice, as it was the only place in Joplin that one could eat, sleep and party without leaving the premises. The problem occurred when we were told that the highest number they could seat would be 160 and most of those would be cafeteria type tables and not the eight seated rounds. I was somewhat apprehensive at that, but after talking to classmates here & there, and all said "What's the big deal with that?" I thought what the hey, we will go that route if need be and we did and it worked just fine.

Then we were notified by our own Larry Don Williams that he and his Olé Friends would like to be part of the show. I was thinking "Part of the Show" that was the only show in town that night and we made it work. Yes, we had 160 people, some seated in rounds and some in cafeteria-style tables and a riser for the band, plus a dance floor was down and all we did was move a couple of tables to the side. Yes, it was a bit on the tight side, but you gotta do what you gotta do to make it work and we did just that. We acknowledge and thank two of our teachers that took time to come and that is Mary Ellen Franks Greer and Mary Fry, what a gift they were to our life of learning.

The food was excellent, and the open bar was there, but I was told we didn't do the business that we did at the 50th, so I guess we're tapering off as we age.

The buffet breakfast of Saturday & Sunday offered us a chance to gather together in the banquet room and enjoy the camaraderie of classmates in a somewhat tranquil mornings of conversation.

Saturday morning was also tee-off time at Schifferdecker Golf Course and this was the first year that we offered \$50 dining gift cards for certain categories and I haven't heard back from Rick & Linda Sadler, but they still might be chowing down using gift cards. As Linda made a few trips up-front gathering her winnings at the Saturday night banquet, which came in handy after their home was hit with the tornado a few days before. Saturday morning for the golfers had to be fun.

It was ever so nice to see those that traveled the U.S. to get to Joplin, classmates from Washington, New Jersey, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana, Arizona and some of the far corners of Missouri.

I think the question of having a 60th was answered when some said they can't wait until then.

It's a little piece like this that we like to receive so we can share with other classmates, so feel free to be a part of the team and join in.

We got the following from classmate **Bruce McCaw**: An update as I just back from a week with #2 grandson in Boston (Ty got to sit in Governor's Chair in his office & be on the field at Fenway Park).

Further on Boston trip. We took our sons on a similar trip 35 years ago and man things have changed at the 2 Hall of Fames. Great changes! Now at Cooperstown, they have a new section called "The Cards your Mother Threw Away"! And yes, my Mom threw them away. BUT I told her to do it. 😊

Then we went to the Basketball & Baseball Hall of Fames and last we went to Syracuse University (Mom & Dad's Alma Mater.)

Now to focus on Thursday's trek to Joplin. Damn supposed to slow down when you get old, I thought?

Oh! Jamie's not coming (finishing up a Family Reunion that we hosted for the family that took me in after college and brought me to Indy. Also, a dance recital and volleyball tournament for grand-daughters.)

Thank You So Much for the Kudos

We had a nice time although many of our old runnin' buddies didn't attend. Hope y'all have a much-deserved rest from the reunion planning. And thanks, again, for your hard work!

Juanita Conner Carper

I always enjoy getting to visit with you, Jim And the Baseball Guys. Rick and Linda are great. It was neat this time because I got to see Greg Moore and the Horton twins. They weren't at the two I was at before. Interesting how people age and what has transpired since our high school days. Good times. 👍

Cuzzin Brucie McCaw

Thanks so much for all you did for the reunion. I had a wonderful time. From the number of people that were there, it was very successful. All seemed to be having a good time.

Paula Mills Bartlett

I can vouch for Rick in that we had a wonderful time. The baseball boys returned to their glory years in total "Back to the Future" time. I enjoyed visiting with Perry Potter's wife who was a Tri-Sigma sister with my sister at what was then SMS. The timing of the reunion was spot on, serving as a "break" from the stress and work of the May 22 tornado recovery we were going through. On top of that, the golf outing was so enjoyable. The dinner and food were delicious, unbelievable it was all so affordable, completely comfortable atmosphere, y'all did such a great job for the Class of 64! Thank you for the memories!!!

Rick and Linda Sadler

The reunion was a fun experience for both of us. The older we get, the more our friendships really mean and seeing everyone was great. Thank you to all of the committee.

Billie Sue Lenger Stockam

Wow class of '64 reunion committee! You did a fantastic job on decorations! Gary and I had a really great time visiting with all. The Holiday Inn served some nice appetizers and a delicious dinner Saturday. We couldn't believe how many raffle prizes the committee managed to come up with. A great selection and I was very surprised and happy to win the smart tv and Xbox One! I am pleased to announce that both are hooked up and we are enjoying them. Thanks again! We topped the evening off with a few dances to some wonderful tunes by Larry Don and his band. A great time was had by all. Looking forward to 60th! Oh my did I say 60th? That can't be right!

Robyn King Wade



Connie Culton Jan Hale Jill Longenecker



Dick & Dot Espy (Video/Photography Crew)



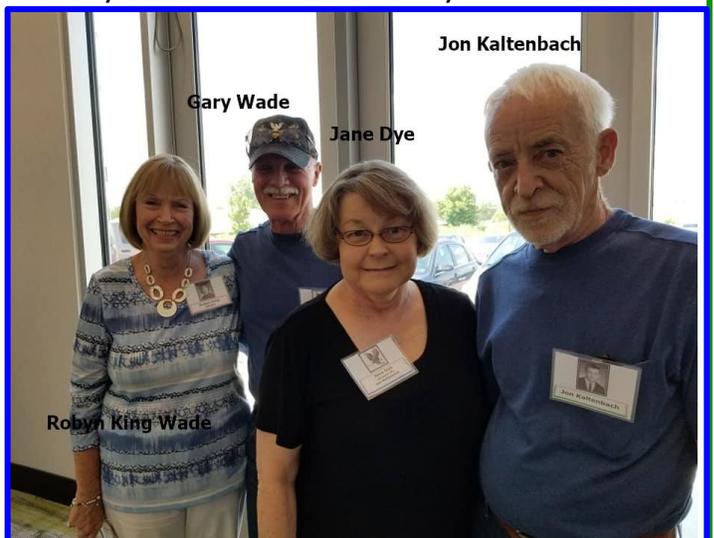
Dick & Dot Espy (Video/Photography Crew)



Kathy Horton Roller & Beverly Horton Moore



The Gang



Gary & Robyn King Wade, Jane Dye & Jon Kaltenbach



Carol Corbin Buck & Stephanie White Everitt



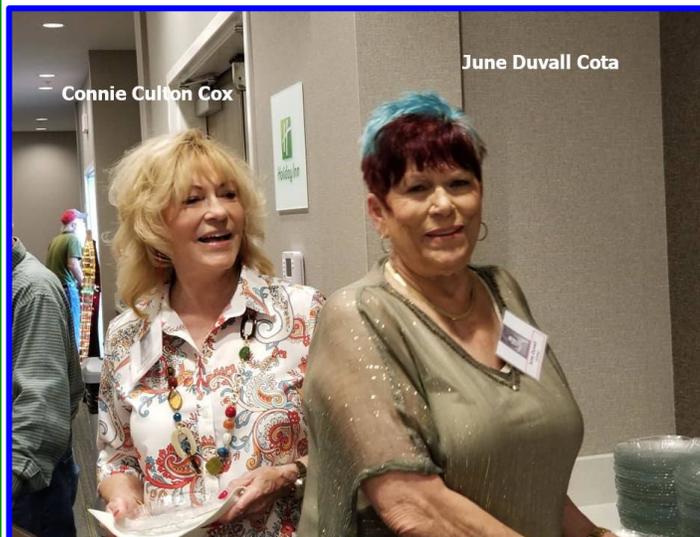
Rich La Near & Jay Campbell



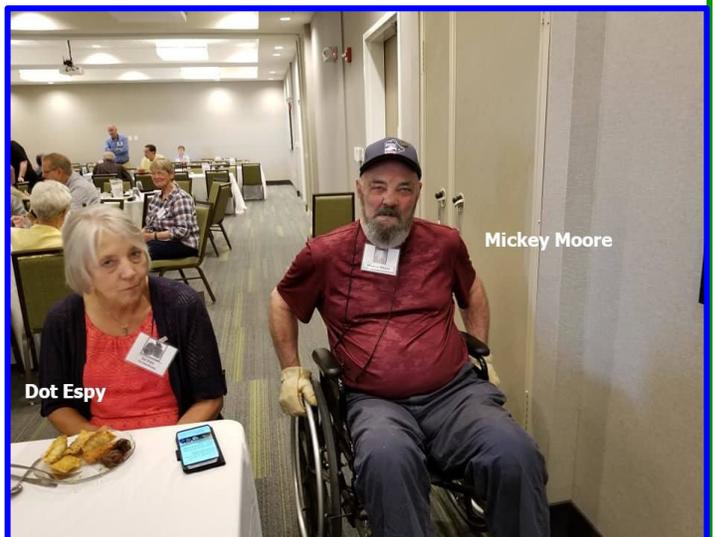
Miriam Hoagland & Beverley Kluthe



Room Shot



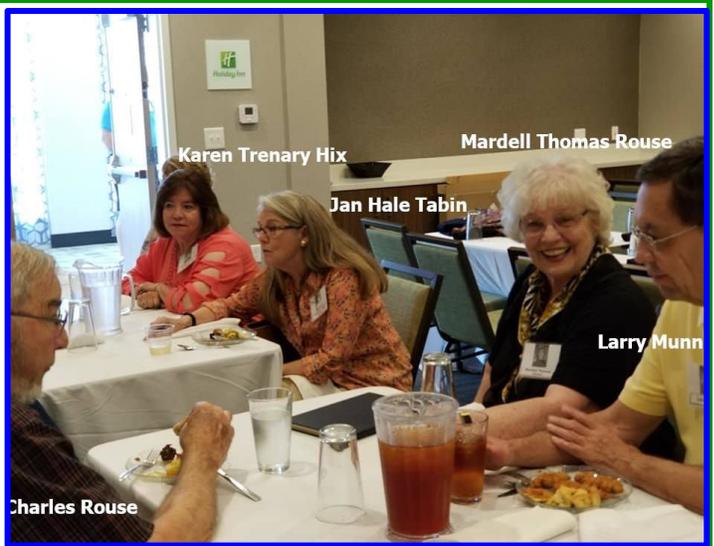
Connie Culton Cox & June Duvall Cota



Dot Espy & Mickey Moore



Paul & Kathy Trim



The Gang



Mike Shipley with Charles & Joanne Baker



Sharon Peters Arnold & Mary Ellen Franks Greer



Julie Ruhl Jones & Jill Longenecker Sawyer



Jane Dye, Calvin Devine, Mike & Rita Greenstreet



Jon Kaltenbach & Jane Dye



Don Marvin, Billie Lenger Stockam & Mitch Stephens



Craig & Janet McCormack Fisher



Mitch & Deborah Stinnett



Lewis, Kathy Horton Roller & Jan Hale Tabin



Jim & Ren Burt—Larry Don & Carolyn Williams



Sharon Harrison Downs & Steve Downs
Sherrri Moore

Sherrri Moore - Steve & Sharon Harrison Downs



Tom Harrison
Miriam Hoagland

Tom Harrison & Mariam Hoagland



Gary & Sharon Hamlin

Gary & Sharon Hamlin



Butch England
Sheri Harrison

Tom Harrison

Tom & Sheri Harrison - Butch England



Larry Don Williams and Olé Friends



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Tom & Jeanne Lind Roach



Janet Counts Severs & Paula Mills Bartlett



Ellen Zwicker Arnce



Charlene Veteto Jones & Nancy Stout



Rich La Near, Jay Campbell, Mark Stout & Mike Jones



Phyllis Payne Sapp & Ellen La Near



Dave & Billie Sue Lenger Stockam



Bruce McCaw



Rick & Linda Sadler



Greg & Beverly Horton Moore



Melanie O'Flaherty Stanley



Rosemary Kempt Carlile



Lewis & Kathy Horton Roller



Carol Yeakey Walker



5 of the 7 Committee Members



Setting up banquet room



Bruce McCaw, Rick Sadler & Mike Knisley



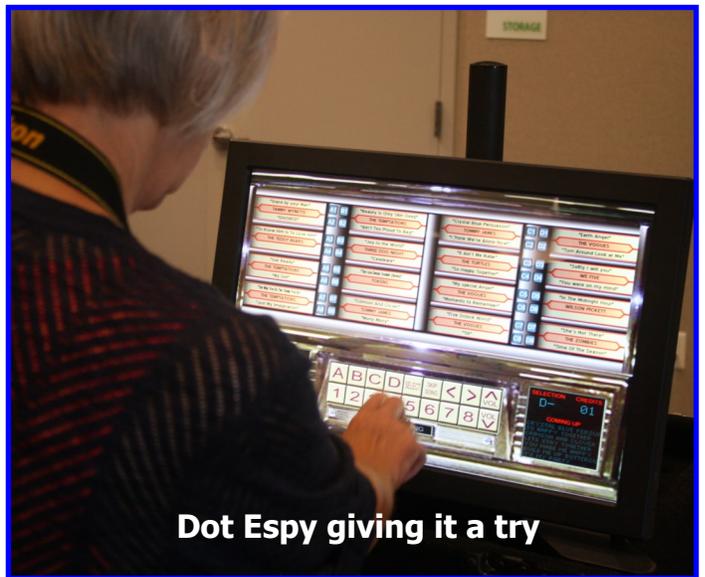
Suzanne Gillmore Smith with Dave & Billie Sue Lenger Stockam's precious 8 week old great grandson Reid David

What a Doll





Mike Knisley '65 setting up jukebox



Dot Espy giving it a try



Thank You to the Class of '65

Lou Ann Hart Bryant
Judy Beasley Marcum
Judy Magers Headlee



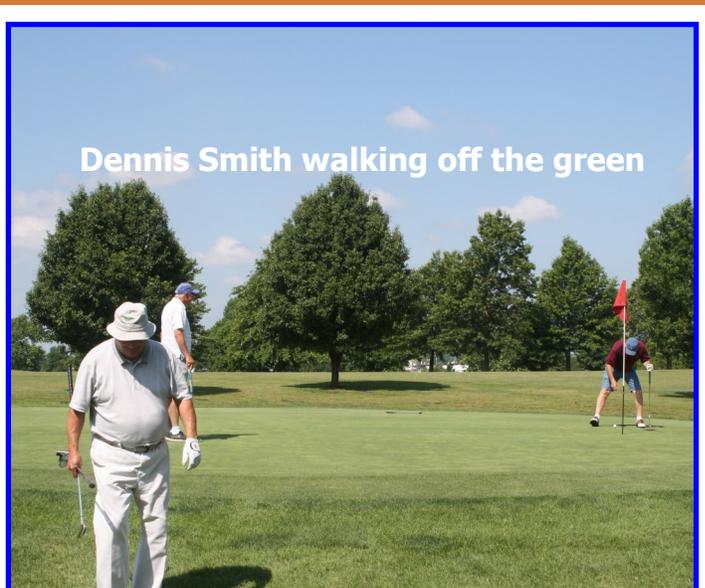
Dick & Debbie Smith, Jimmy Willis &
Steve Campbell



Butch England & Rick Sadler



Dick Smith & Dave Stockam



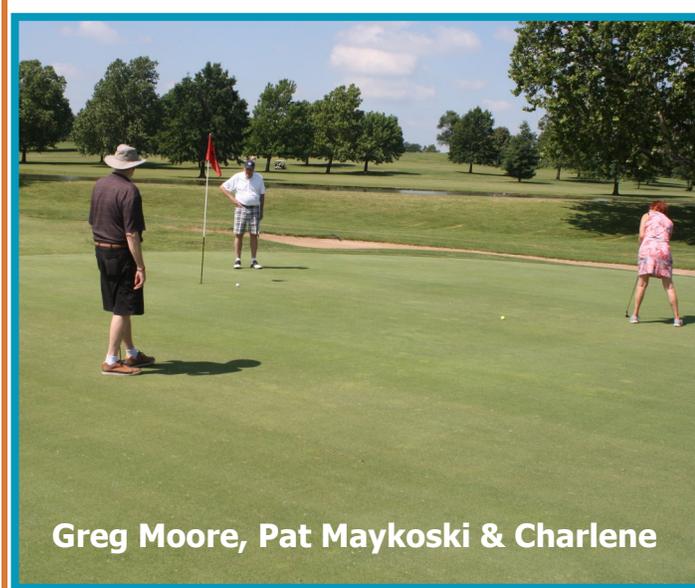
Dennis Smith walking off the green



Joy Tillman Frey



Charlene Veteto Jones



Greg Moore, Pat Maykoski & Charlene



It's a wrap at Schifferdecker

News of the Past
Joplin Senior High School
Graduation Day
Monday, May 25th, 1964

President/V.P. – Lyndon B Johnson/No Vice President
Events of the Month

In Washington, D.C., President Johnson meets with Irish President Eamon de Valera. In New York, the Pulitzer committee announces that there is no drama, fiction or music worthy of the Pulitzer Prize. French President Charles de Gaulle opens the ceremony for the 800th anniversary of Notre Dame. In Cairo, the Soviet Union grants the United Arab Republic a \$200 million loan. In Bolivia, President Victor Paz Estensoro wins a third term in office. In Paris, Manilo Brosio is elected to follow Kirk Stikker as the head of NATO.

Sports

The St. Louis Cardinals win the World Series in the seventh game against the New York Yankees. Fred Hansen sets a new pole vault record at 17 feet 4 inches. The Cleveland Browns shut out the Baltimore Colts 27-0 to capture the National Football League title. A horse named Northern Dancer wins the Kentucky Derby. In the National Basketball Association championships, Boston beats San Francisco. This is the sixth straight NBA title win for Boston. Cassius Clay KO's Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

Cost of Living

1964

Gallon of Milk \$1.06
 Loaf of Bread \$.21
 New Auto \$2,350.00
 Gas Gallon \$.25
 New Home \$30,000
 Income \$6,080.00
 Dow Jones 874.13

2009

\$3.39
 \$2.25
 \$26,860.00
 \$2.50
 \$260,000
 \$50,221.00
 9161.64

Birthdays

Actress/singer Leslie Uggams - 1943
 Actress Karen Valentine - 1947
 Jazz trumpeter Miles Davis - 1926
 Opera singer Beverly Sills - 1929
 Poet Ralph Waldo Emerson - 1803

Songs

In 1964, the popular songs were: "Come See About Me" performed by the Supremes; "Hello Dolly" performed by Louis Armstrong; "I Get Around" sung by the Beach Boys; and "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by the Beatles. Also topping the charts: "Leader of the Pack" by the Shangra-Las; "Love Me Do" by the Beatles; "My Guy" by Mary Wells; and the popular "The House of the Rising Sun" by the Animals.

Movies

Best Movie "My Fair Lady" – Directed by George Cukor
 Best Actor Rex Harrison – "My Fair Lady"
 Best Actress Julie Andrews – "Mary Poppins"

Grandma's Laughs & Tid Bits



Embarrassing our kids, that's just one of the services we offer!!!!!!

When I'm an old lady I'm going to leave snacks in little bags on the floor all over the house in case I fall down



"Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you."

Unknown

If things get better with age then I must be getting close to freakin' magnificent.



I'VE REACHED THAT AGE WHERE MY BRAIN GOES FROM "YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THAT." TO "WHAT THE HELL, LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS."

NUDE SELFIE IN THE DARK JUST FOR YOU..

YOU'RE WELCOME

ALCOHOL!
Because No Great
Story started with
Someone eating
a Salad.

I DISTRUST
CAMELS,
& ANYONE
ELSE WHO
CAN GO A
WEEK
WITHOUT A
DRINK!!

fuel & fuddle™
WILDFIRE FOOD. HOUSE BREWS.
JOKES ABOUT
GERMAN SAUSAGE
ARE THE WURST.

COME IN & MEET
YOUR FUTURE
EX-WIFE

GUINNESS
TODAY'S SPECIAL
Buy one BEER
for the price
of TWO and
receive a
Second BEER
ABSOLUTELY
FREE!
GUINNESS

TOWNHALL
DRINK TRIPLE
SEE DOUBLE
ACT SINGLE

Remembrances and Sympathy to our Classmates and Family:

Sympathy is extended to our classmate Morris Truesdell for the passing of his sister:

https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/barbara-goodknight?fh_id=10419

Condolences to our classmate Ross Smith for the passing of his brother:

www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/bill-smith-6157469

<https://>

Our heartfelt prayers go out to classmate Jeanne Looper Smith for the passing of her brother:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/colorado-springs-co/patrick-looper-8245212>

Prayers are sent to classmate Pam O'Daniel for the passing of her sister:

https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/joy-massey?fh_id=10419

Our sympathy is given to the family and friends of our classmate Richard Burns on his passing:

https://www.parkermortuary.com/obituary/richard-burns?fh_id=10419

I hate it when I see an
old person and then
realize that we went to
high school together.

We still have 18 classmates unaccounted for. If you have any idea where these classmates could be, feel free to share with us so we can update our class directory. The blue font is where they were living when we lost contact with them.

"Please check these names and help find our missing classmates"

Gary M Colvin

Johnie Coots (Seguin, TX area)

Rayma Jean Coy (Tulsa, OK area)

James "Jim" Hilton

Clair Howard

Robert "Bob" Jordan

La Donna Miller

Carol Munson (Wrench) (Bell, MO)

Emma Nunn

Judy Osborne (Gardner) (Joplin)

Richard Lee Pearson

Patty Riley (Brewer) (Joplin)

Naomi June Shelton (Possibly Deceased)

Drucilla Short

Robert Joe "Bob" Smith

Jack Sneed

William "Bill" Ray Stow

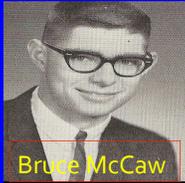
Mary Thornton (Reed)

"If You Change Your Contact Information"

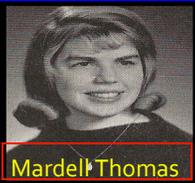
Please help us out. Don't forget to include us on any changes in your contact information. If you should move or change telephone, snail mail address or email address please let us know. It's very easy and you may do so by clicking on the following link joplinmo64@joplinmo64.com, and enter your information, then click "Send".



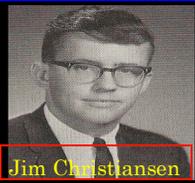
More people live in New York City than in 40 of the 50 states.



Bruce McCaw



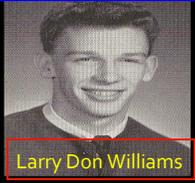
Mardell Thomas



Jim Christiansen



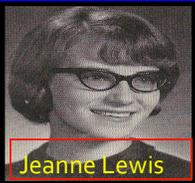
Sharon Peters



Larry Don Williams



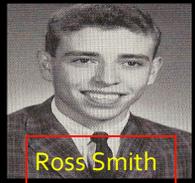
Stephanie White



Jeanne Lewis



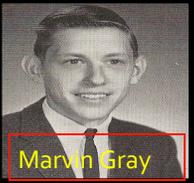
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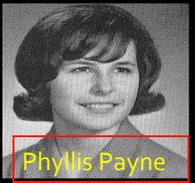
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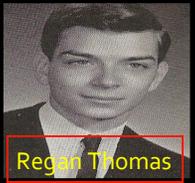
Janet Hale



Marvin Gray



Phyllis Payne



Regan Thomas



Connie Culton



John Keeling



Joyce Tillman



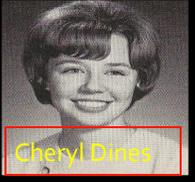
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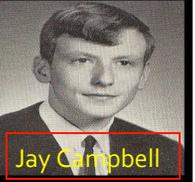
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Mike Mullenix



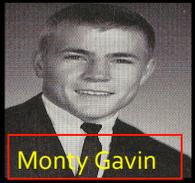
Cheryl Dines



Jay Campbell



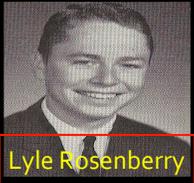
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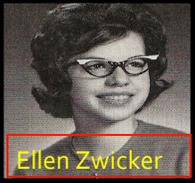
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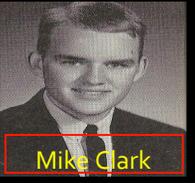
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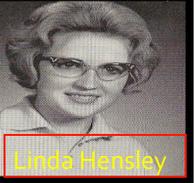
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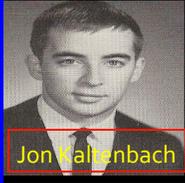
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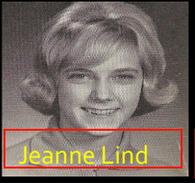
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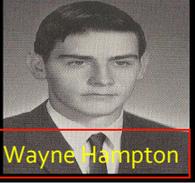
Linda Hensley



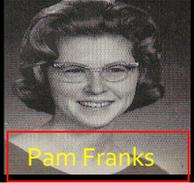
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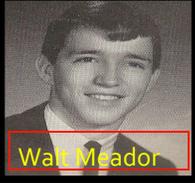
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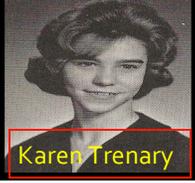
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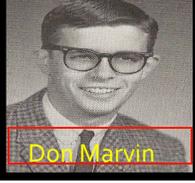
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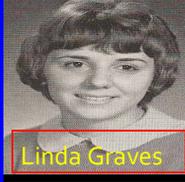
Walt Meador



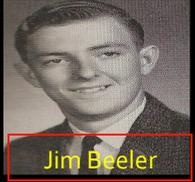
Karen Trenary



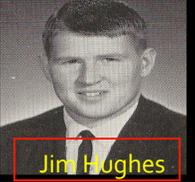
Don Marvin



Linda Graves



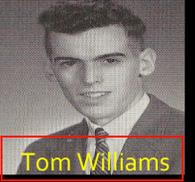
Jim Beeler



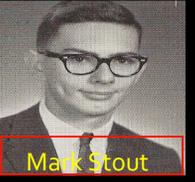
Jim Hughes



Sharon Harrison



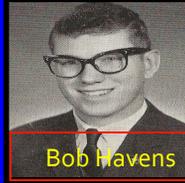
Tom Williams



Mark Stout



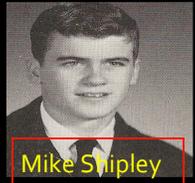
Donna Pow-



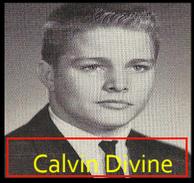
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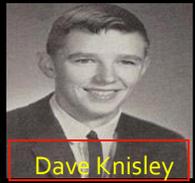
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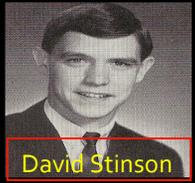
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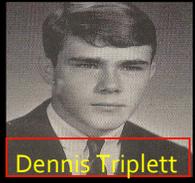
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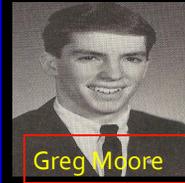
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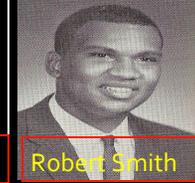
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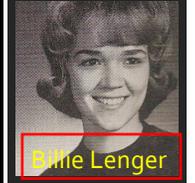
Dennis Triplett



Greg Moore



Robert Smith



Billie Lenger

We are still patiently waiting for your bio to be added to the wall of fame.

There is plenty of room to add folks to the bio section, how about joining in?

"It's A Wrap"

That's it for the newsletter, just a few follow-up points of interest. The DVD will be mailed when the edit and duplication are complete. Once that portion is done, the committee will meet in Joplin and stuff DVD mailers along with mailers for the DVD & the class directory to those that ordered them. Also, to those that donated to our event but didn't make the celebration, we will mail you the class directory and the DVD, and the same holds true for those that paid to attend but had unforeseen circumstances pop up and didn't get to come.

This newsletter is loaded with many pictures, but to be honest, it's just a tease as to what will be on the class website when I get the pics that Dot Espy took. Dick Espy still has those for editing purposes as he may be using them for the DVD.

We as a committee hope that those who attended the event enjoyed and had a very nice time reconnecting with classmates from all over the country. Hopefully, all in attendance and those that couldn't make it will see that the 2024 reunion is put on your "To-Do List" as it too will be a nice get-together and you can take that to the bank.

We also wish to thank again all the folks that made this event so great, that includes those that worked the car shows, the ones that donated raffle prizes and a big thank you to the six volunteers from the class of '65. Lou Ann Hart Bryant, Carol Bingham, Judy Beasley Marcum, Judy Magers Headlee, Carole Willis Wolford & Mike Knisley. And what more can one say than "Thank You" to our classmate Larry Don Williams and the entire band for adding to our evening of fun. You all are very much appreciated.

For those that may not know, classmate John Keeling introduced a plan to have a memorial placed in the high school that honors our three classmates that gave their all in Vietnam. Permission was given by the Joplin education folks and the high school and right after John made the announcement, several classmates donated right then and we had over \$800 in less than an hour toward the memorial. John is now working with Stephanie White Everitt, class treasurer on the designing of the memorial and let it be known that donations are still being taken and all you do is mail a check made out to the class of 64 and sent to Steph at 2821 Wisconsin, Joplin, MO 64804.

It always seems like there is just not enough time for me to visit or to just sit for a spell and chat with classmates and do a little catching up. But y'all are in my mind when planning this event or just thinking of the school years.

Please stay safe, healthy and positive and we'll see you at the 60th if not before. DK



Dave Knisley