



NORTH & SOUTH
Hagerstown High Schools
Class of 1957
Online Newsletter



April 2012 Edition

OBITUARIES



Jo Ann Johnston Frontz, 72, daughter of the late C. Harold and Orrilla P. Johnston of [Hagerstown](#), Md., passed away March 12, 2012, in San Antonio, Texas.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, [U.S. Navy](#) Ret. Lt. Cmdr. Richard Frontz; her son, Michael Frontz and wife, Cara and grandchildren, Matthew and Maggie Frontz; sister, Julie Johnston Geib and husband, Dennis, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; nieces, Jennifer Hahn and husband, Jim, of Mechanicsburg and Amy Sturgis and husband, Joel, of Huntingdon, Tenn., and their children, Max and Alicia Hahn, and Molly and Samuel Sturgis.

Jo Ann graduated from North Hagerstown High School in 1957 and from Juniata College in 1961. She taught first grade and kindergarten in Maryland and Texas. She established a children's library and story hour in Fallon, Nev. She wrote many poems for children, and was a volunteer for Head Start.



Eugene Lynn "**Lotto**" Bitner, 74, of **Hagerstown**, died on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at his home.

Born Jan. 24, 1938, in Chewsville, Md., he was the son of the late Roy Jacob and Rosie Mae (Witmer) Bitner.

He had worked as a group leader for the Washington County Parks Dept. Eugene had previously worked as a sander in the furniture department of Brandt's in Hagerstown and as a delivery man for Michael's Ice, formerly in Hagerstown.

Eugene loved the outdoors, especially working in his yard and going hunting or fishing. He also had a passion for classic cars.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Helen Louise (Huntzberry) Bitner; a daughter, Lynnette Suzanne "Suzy" Sease and her husband, Brian Eric Sease, whom Eugene loved as the son he never had, of **Waynesboro**, Pa.; three sisters, Catherine Snyder, Helen Glaze and Mary Marie Carter all of Hagerstown; a close friend, Wayne Jenkins of Hagerstown; several nieces; nephews; great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by four brothers, Charles, Edward, Guy and Harold Bitner.

BULLETIN BOARD

- You should have received a letter describing plans for the 55th reunion on Sept. 7th & 8th . If you haven't received a letter please let me know @ bobcianelli@verizon.net and include your current mailing address so we can update our files.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE A COPY OF THE LETTER](#)

- Primary Election Day in Maryland is April 3rd and if you are away that day you can early vote from March 24th -29th. http://www.elections.state.md.us/voting/early_voting.html is the site where you can find the early voting locations in your area. If you don't vote, don't complain because you immediately lose your right to do so.

- Next Class Luncheon June 21st at Western Sizzler – Be There!

REALLY, REALLY, REALLY BELATED BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

My failure to keep files in sync across two computers created a mess and I was unable to recognize Judy Vicker's birthday OR her anniversary correctly and put it in the right edition. In hopes of making amends, I am including both below. (Sorry Tom & Judy. Age creeps up on all of us.)

Judy Vickers Birthday
September 17th



Tom & Judy Vickers Shaw Anniversary
August 4, 1961

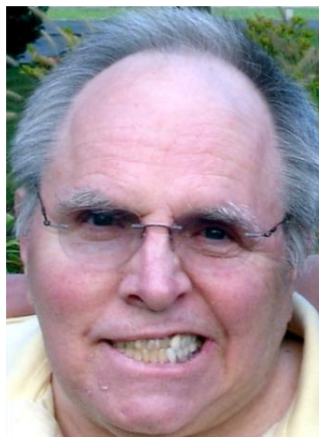


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Fanny Selser



Sam Lantz



Betty Norris



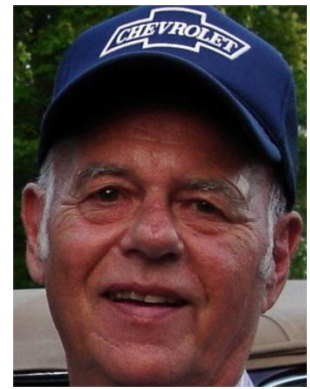
Vickie Brenner



John Newton



Ron Houser



Dick Krumpe



Gail Sweeney



Becky Scuffins



Classmate Newly Weds!

Congratulations to Ann Burkner and Joe Beach! They were joined in holy matrimony on March 16th.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Shannon Norris



Pete & Linda Baker Lemen



Dick & Susan Messersmith



Dave & Jean Unger



Dave & Syliva Harshman Ridenour



Richard & Rory Hykes



GUESS WHO BABY CONTEST

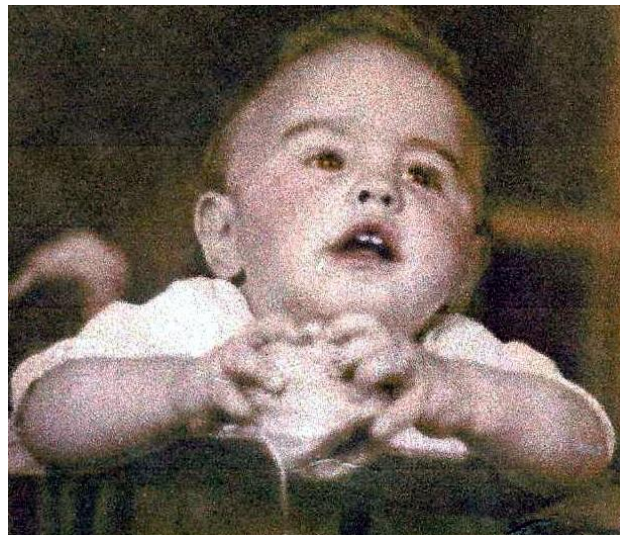
March Babies

Baby #9



Baby #9 Arlise Weaver

Baby #10



Baby #10 Gail Sweeney

April Babies



Baby #11



Baby #12

CLASSMATE ACTIVITIES

Don & Jone Burket Bowman



On March 23rd, Don & Jone were honored with a tribute at the Hagerstown Community College. We were proud that the Class of 1957 participated in the tribute with a full page ad that was made possible by your generous contributions. Our class was also well represented at the event by John & Carol Urner, Bob & Page Nitzell, Harold & Jo Ann Copenhaver Kline, Aubrey & Nancy Minnich Barnes, Ragan & Ecile Carbaugh Shaw, Don & Joyce Kephart, Paul & Dixie Bond, Harry & Rose Marie Nigh Barger, Pete & Linda Baker Lemen, Nevin & Barb Esterly Smith as well as Arlise Weaver Cianelli & yours truly.

“I would like to thank everyone for their contribution, and for the ones that attended, thanks for your presence. Both were greatly appreciated. Don & I were extremely pleased with the turnout. 860 people attended and \$205,000 was raised for scholarships at HCC. The Class of 57 and 56 are very special to both of us and we are so happy we have remained so close over the years.”

Editor's Comment: The 860 in attendance and the \$205,000 were both records since the inception of the program. No one is surprised, huh?

Don & Jone, you make us proud!



(Click on the Picture Above for More Pics of the Event)

Reuniting With Classmates

Our recent mailing about the 55th reunion added classmates to our distribution list: ***Terry Spillan Perkins, Bob Weller, Woody Noel, & Jeannie Andrews Morgan***. Terry was kind enough to send us some info about her travel through life as well as her extended family.

Editor's Comment: If you are interested in contacting any of these folks, let me know and I will send you their email address. I do not publish email addresses on the Internet.

Terry Spillan



I live in Basin, Wyoming (north central part of the state), married in 1958 and have lived here now for 54 years. I've been a widow for 13 years. We had three sons, lost one of them at 11 months, and lost our first born at the age of 38. My remaining son lives in Arizona. I have five

Grandchildren and 4 Great-Grandchildren, ages 3 to 15. My sister still lives in Columbia, Md., and I visit there every other year, or so. We were both born and raised in Hagerstown. I will look for some pictures, and then try to figure out how to send them! Sure would love to hear from some of my friends that I went to school with.

Son Greg Perkins – 50

Grandson Josh Perkins – 32

Grandson Nic Perkins – 30

Granddaughter Samatha Perkins – 22

Granddaughter Marsha (Perkins) Redding – 34

Grandson Robert Perkins - 32

Great-Grandson Markus Gilbert - 15

Great-Grandson Tristan Gilbert - 13

Great Granddaughter Trisha Perkins - 6

Great-Grandson Rory Perkins - 3

Carol Smith Daly

Carole (Smith) Daly's grandson, a SSgt in the USAF, will soon be ending his year-long TOD in Afghanistan. He was tasked with training the Afghans to fly and maintain their Russian helicopters. They recently celebrated a graduating class of 7 Pilots, 3 Flight Engineers and 3 Flying Crew Chiefs (Aerial Gunners). Four of those Afghan pilots were also upgraded to the position of Instructor. These instructors will now return to their units where they will help to maintain flying proficiency by implementing refresher and qualification training sessions and, with standardized evaluation programs, sustain the quality of the Afghan aircrews. Carole's grandson will be returning to his duty station in eastern MD upon completion of this assignment.

Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli

We were fortunate to attend an event on March 7th at the Center Club in Baltimore to honor a Medal of Honor recipient. It was a unique experience to hear first hand from the recipient about the events that led to his receiving the Medal. There are only 82 Medal of Honor recipients alive today. Sammy Davis's story is amazing. Below the picture is a synopsis of his heroic efforts for which he was awarded the Medal.

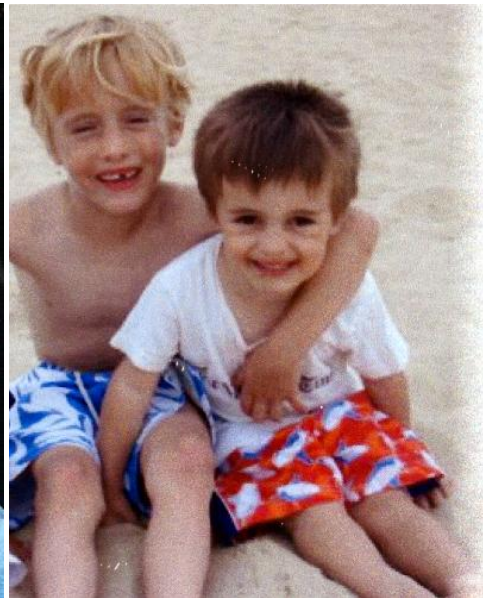


For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Davis (then Pfc.) distinguished himself during the early morning hours while serving as

a cannoneer with Battery C, at a remote fire support base. At approximately 0200 hours, the fire support base was under heavy enemy mortar attack. Simultaneously, an estimated reinforced Viet Cong battalion launched a fierce ground assault upon the fire support base. The attacking enemy drove to within 25 meters of the friendly positions. Only a river separated the Viet Cong from the fire support base. Detecting a nearby enemy position, Sgt. Davis seized a machine gun and provided covering fire for his gun crew, as they attempted to bring direct artillery fire on the enemy. Despite his efforts, an enemy recoilless rifle round scored a direct hit upon the artillery piece. The resultant blast hurled the gun crew from their weapon and blew Sgt. Davis into a foxhole. He struggled to his feet and returned to the howitzer, which was burning furiously. Ignoring repeated warnings to seek cover, Sgt. Davis rammed a shell into the gun. Disregarding a withering hail of enemy fire directed against his position, he aimed and fired the howitzer which rolled backward, knocking Sgt. Davis violently to the ground. Undaunted, he returned to the weapon to fire again when an enemy mortar round exploded within 20 meters of his position, injuring him painfully. Nevertheless, Sgt. Davis loaded the artillery piece, aimed and fired. Again he was knocked down by the recoil. In complete disregard for his safety, Sgt. Davis loaded and fired 3 more shells into the enemy. Disregarding his extensive injuries and his inability to swim, Sgt. Davis picked up an air mattress and struck out across the deep river to rescue 3 wounded comrades on the far side. Upon reaching the 3 wounded men, he stood upright and fired into the dense vegetation to prevent the Viet Cong from advancing. While the most seriously wounded soldier was helped across the river, Sgt. Davis protected the 2 remaining casualties until he could pull them across the river to the fire support base. Though suffering from painful wounds, he refused medical attention, joining another howitzer crew which fired at the large Viet Cong force until it broke contact and fled. Sgt. Davis' extraordinary heroism, at the risk of his life, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.



Ann Corderman



Grandchildren (L-R) Brandi Belcher & Leandro, Leandro & Marciano Guerrero
Pictures From The Past



Three Amigos



Carolyn Carter & Family



Coach Downs



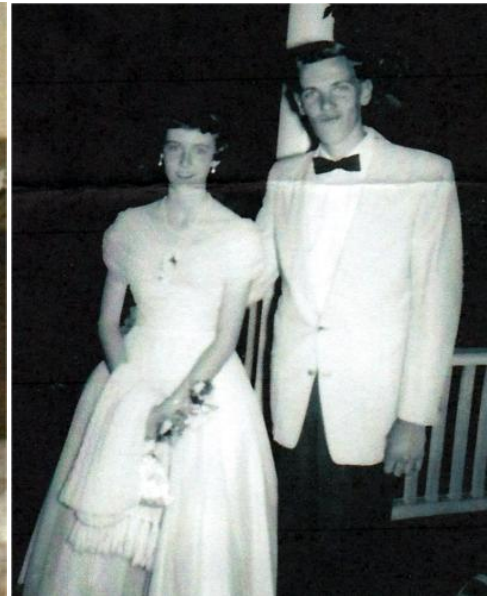
Mr. Draper Crossing Guard



Becky Scuffins & Nancy Minnich



After The Prom Party



Prom Night: Jack Seville, Barbara Grogan, Lana Ritter & Les Seville

Miss Brown's 5th Grade – Antietam Street



Seated - Vicki Brenner, Standing- Carol Sofko

Back Row: Sonja Lowman, Pat Kessler, ?, Gordon Lewis, Dale Kaetzel, Robert Smith, Chuck Anderson, Richard Hykes, Richard Thomas, Paul Bohn, **Seated-** Terry Cunningham (Note Cowboy Boots), Donna Mullendore, Sandra Welch, Barbara Bush, Terry Moore, Carolyn Hildebrand, Shirley Pryor

Right Row: Nettie Waltrick, Patricia Rohrer, John Sapp, Ted Dofflemeyer, Linda Royston, Ann Moore

Center Row: Lee Snyder, Bobby Knode, Patricia Wilson, Norman Roland, Claudette Palmer, Bonnie Smith, George Mills

Woodland Way Junior High Band



Row 1: Richard Snyder, Fred Thompson, ?, Bob Bishop, Joe Keller, ?, Fred Blevins

Row 2: Dave Wilson, Charlie Moss, Ronald Jackson, Lee Stine, ?, Keller Smith, Arthur Sheets

Row 3: Ralph Elliott, ?, Charles Clugston, Don Smith, Ronald Busey, Bob Hogan, Carl Julian

Row 4: Gary Dehart, John Spicher, Patsy Showe, Fran Trager, Tom Cozzoli

Row 5: Paul Wetzel, Algene Sensenbaugh, Joe Wolfe, George Clipp, Terry Cunningham

Row 6: Bloice Davison, Beverly Ditto, Fred Baker, Chris Maugans, Jan Roth, Robert Hartle, Ronnie Snyder

Woodland Way Talent Show



WW Talent ShowCast of Characters (As Remembered By An Old Person)

Audio: Bob Bishop

Row 1: ?, Perry Munson, Bob Wachter, ??

Row 2: Boyden Donmoyer, Rodney Woolridge, Ronnie Smith, Richard Miles, Richard Ridenour, Ed Seese, Sam Staley, Bob Westphal, Harry Barger, Russell Penner, Bob Hartle

Row 3: Ann Corderman, ?, Barbara Crider, Shirley Miller, Gary Kauffman, Jane Newkirk, Virginia Hamm, Margaret Brish, Connie Snyder, Larry Lawson, Diane Young, Gene Knable, Suzie Wells, Lynette Spigler, Carolyn Angle, Elaine Finniff, Sue DeHart

Row 4: Boyd Work, Tom Cozzoli, Jack Seville, ?, Dick Miller, Joe Rosengren, Beverly Ditto, Sue Rumbaugh, Carl Julian Beverly O'Brien, Terry Spillan, Hazel Berry, Becky DeHart, Nancy Shilling, Margaret Longnecker

Mr. Stull's 9th Grade Homeroom – Woodland Way



Row 1: Barbara Halback, Laurie Dudley, Barbara Grogan, Mary Mason, Anita Maddox, Jean Andrews

Row 2: Jean Carpenter, Deanna Knepper, Beverly Ditto, Gloria Fisher, Bob Nitzel, Fred Papa

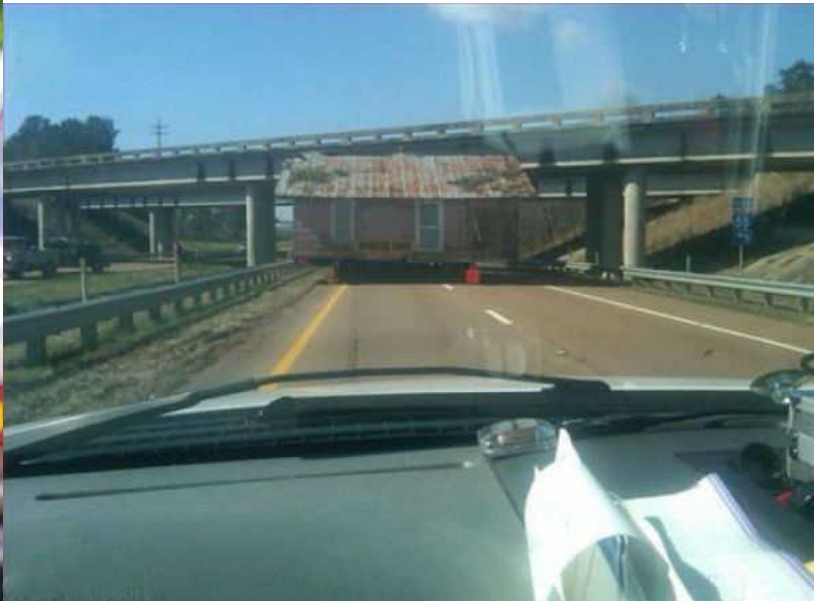
Row 3: Don Rice, Algene Sensenbaugh, Mary Baker, Nancy Baker, Barbara Crider, Ruth Stonesifer, Roger Miller, Donald Wollard, Paul Wetzel

Row 4: Larry Craig, Hazel Berry, Helen Grady, Peggy Bledsoe, Glenda Hall, Linda Ruth, Donna Bush, Harry Swink

Row 5: Sue Dehart, Joyce Larson, Carroll Smith, Jo Ellen Spangler, Gary Dehart, Sally Watkins, Bob Miller, Woody Noel, Lee Stine, Kenny Dando, Ned Thomas, Jan Roth, John McPhail, Tom Creek, Mr. Stull

EDUCATION CORNER

“Stupid Is As Stupid Does”





COMEDY CORNER

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure..'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it..'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly..'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?

You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'
The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

One more...!

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

FRIENDS are like panties...
Some crawl up your butt.
Some snap under pressure.
Some don't have the strength to hold you up.
Some get a little twisted.
Some are your favorite.
Some are holy. Some are cheap. Some are naughty.
And some actually cover your butt when you need them to.

