



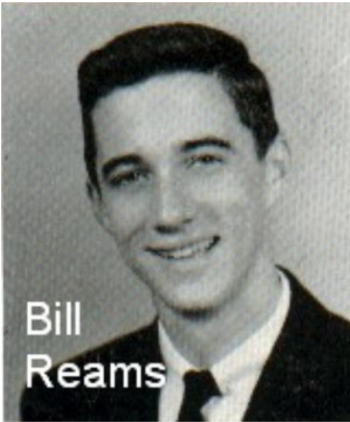
**NORTH & SOUTH**  
**Hagerstown High Schools**  
**Class of 1957**  
**Online Newsletter**



**January 2012 Edition**

**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year! – North & South Hagerstown High Class of 1957**  
**See you on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at our gala 55th reunion!**

**OBITUARY**



William (Bill) Hunter Reams, of Keedysville, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at Meritus Medical Center.

He was a longtime resident of Washington County, Md. Bill graduated from South Hagerstown High School in 1957.

He was the husband of Gail Lynn Cowell Reams, his wife of 44 years.

Born in West Palm Beach, Fla., he was the son of the late Bernadine Agnes Green Reams and the late Samuel Hunter Reams.

Bill attended Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, College Park, where he graduated with a mechanical engineering degree in 1962.

Bill worked as a civilian at the Naval Surface Weapons Center in Montgomery County, Md., for the first 18 years of his career, where he obtained eight patents. The second 18 years of his career were spent at Fort Detrick, USAMMDA, in Frederick, Md. He retired Oct. 17, 1998.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Billie Jo Rowland and husband, Derrell R. Rowland, of Falling Waters, W.Va., and Viki Lynn Wade and husband, Phillip A. Wade, of Tomball, Texas; five grandchildren, Austin R. Rowland, Tristan R. Rowland, Ethan H. Wade, Emma P. Wade and Parker H. Wade; and his sister Patty Reams Skinner and husband, Myers (Sonny) Skinner, of Goldsboro, Md.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

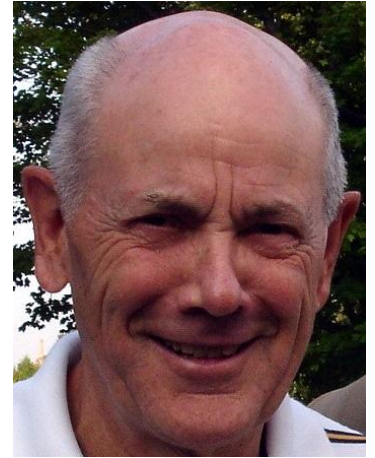
***Arlise Weaver***



***Jo Ann Copenhaver***



***John Urner***



***Jim Nichols***



***Sybil Speck***



***Mary Alice Angle***  
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***Ella Mae Brandt***  
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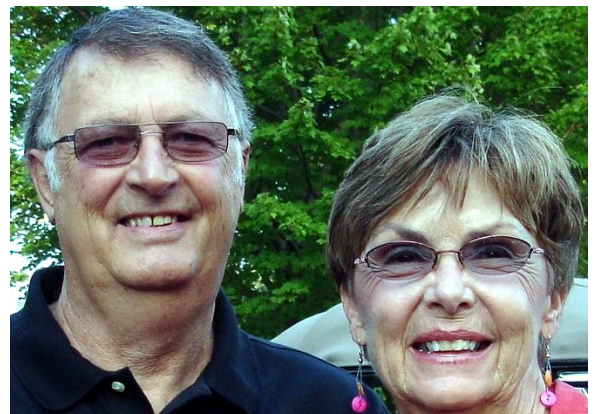
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**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

***Bob & Arlise Weaver Cianelli***



***Dick & Nelda Baker***



***Bob & Audrey Smith***



***Carroll & Jane Wright***



***Larry and Nancy Nunamaker Weber***



**CLASSMATE ACTIVITIES**

***Phyllis Gearhart***

Chewsville Sunday School class has prepared 1,200 gift boxes since 2008



A local church's involvement in Operation Christmas Child's Pack A Shoebox program is proof that size doesn't matter to children in need.

The nationwide effort involves filling shoeboxes with a variety of gifts, praying for the child who will receive the gift, and then delivering the boxes to the closest drop-off location, where they are distributed to needy children overseas ranging in age from 2 to 14 years old.

Some of the gifts suggested include small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, gum, hair clips, flashlights, socks, T-shirts and ball caps.

Despite being a small congregation, members of the Bethel Believers Sunday School Class from Bethel United Methodist Church in Chewsville prepared their 1,000th shoebox for shipping since starting the effort in 2008. They have now sent out about 1,200 boxes.

"We have received letters of thanks from a child in Latvia, several children in Togo, West Africa, and from South India. It's a joy beyond measure when we hear from a child recipient to know that we're reaching around the world and bringing hope and happiness to a child in need," coordinator Marlene Young wrote in an email.

Young said the project was started by and continues to be spearheaded by the Bethel Believers in response to a message given by Pastor Bill Warehime four years ago titled "How Far Can you Reach?"

She said that the project has been embraced by the entire congregation, which holds annual fundraising events to help cover the cost of shipping. Members shop for the gifts, wrap the boxes and support the project financially.

"This project allows the congregation to become real-life Christmas angels to children in need. The project is a practical application of the biblical truth that it is more blessed to give than receive," Young said in the email.

A donation of at least \$7 per box is suggested to cover the cost of shipping and follow-up materials each child receives that are translated into their own languages. The gifts in each box cost about \$10 to \$15.

More than 60 Washington County churches participated in the project this year, with completed boxes being delivered to a Hagerstown drop-off site, according to collection sheets at the site.

Last year, 8.2 million shoebox gifts were distributed. This year's goal is 8.5 million. Since 1993, 85 million shoebox gifts reached children in need.

"Even amidst challenging economic conditions, we are so greatly blessed in the U.S. and it is a blessing to share God's love through a simple gift of a shoebox filled with gifts which represent hope and happiness," Young said.

***Editor's Comment: Way to go Phil, you make us proud!***

### **Susan Morton**

Grandson Randy Lohman loves cross country. He is in his 2nd year @ Boonsboro and is on the varsity team. He was of 3 county boys to run in the Footlocker race in Long Island. He turning 16 soon and he will also receive his Eagle Scout Badge.



Bethany Lohman, 10 is now at level 7 in gymnastic competitions. She won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Judges Invitational held at the SportsFex Center with a score of 35.7 taking first in bars with a 9.1. At the 4-Star competition in Williamsport, she came in 4<sup>th</sup> with an overall of 36.25. We will be traveling to Penn State in January for a competition.

### **Glen Julian**

Grandson Jeremy arrived home from Iraq. He arrived at Fort Hood, TX, and was greeted by his parents. Once again, thanks for your service and we are glad you are back in time for the Holidays.



## **Nancy Minnich**



L-R Granddaughter Maggie Barnes (9),  
Great Granddaughters Lillie Mae Hazelwood(6mo)  
and Presley Barnes (4)

L-R Lillie May & Daughter Jackie Hazelwood

## **Evangeline Baer**

Granddaughter Casey Osborne was Student of the Month at Williamsport High in December.

**The Herald-Mail**  
**STUDENT**  
OF THE **MONTH**

**Name:** Casey N. Osborne  
**School:** Williamsport High School  
**Parents:** Craig and Brandy Osborne

**Extra Curricular Activities:** Student Government President, Senior Class President, National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club, Interact Club, Link Crew Leader, AVID tutor, Best Buddies, Captain of all three special olympic sports: Unified Tennis, Bocce Ball, Unified Track and Field, History Club, STEM club, Volunteer at Williamsport Volunteer Fire and EMS Company, Job at Yogi Bear Campground as Recreational Activity Leader, Morning announcements

**Special Interests:** Working with special needs kids, reading, studying, and learning a foreign language

**Senior Year Courses:** AP Literature



**Casey N. Osborne**

**Favorite Subject:** My favorite subject at Williamsport High School is Spanish because I feel that learning a foreign language is essential in our society today. The concept of learning a foreign language presents a challenge to an individual creates an eagerness to learn.

& Composition, AP Spanish, AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, Advanced Anatomy, Honor's Sociology, Child Care Service Internship, Avid Tutor, HCC-Leadership Development, Pre-Calculus after school.

**Favorite Teacher:** My favorite teacher is Mr. Baran. He was my U.S. Studies and World History teacher as well as my SGA and History Club Advisor. He is a teacher that I admire greatly and can talk to about anything.

**Favorite Author:** Nicholas Sparks

**Favorite TV Show:** Criminal Minds

**If you could meet anyone in the world or past history, who would it be? And why?**  
If I could meet anyone in past history, I would like to meet Niccolo Machiavelli because he had a huge influence in politics. He wrote a book titled "The Prince" outlining the rules princes and princesses should obey. Many politicians refer to his famous quote: "It is better to be feared than to be loved"

**What I like most about my school:** Warm friendly environment, friends, and teachers, learning something new each day.

**Future Plans:** After graduating I hope to attend Johns Hopkins University to pursue a medical career in Neurology or Radiology.

**What three things have contributed to your success:** My family who has supported me my entire life through every obstacle I face. My friends who are always there for me when I need someone to talk to. The challenges and obstacles I have faced throughout my 4 years of high school.

## **Dave Bragunier**

About 300 tuba players brought their instruments to the Kennedy Center Wednesday for the 38th Tuba Christmas Concert, celebrating an instrument that wasn't invented until 1850 when engineers figured out how to use valves in a brass instrument.

"The mellowest Christmas carols you will ever hear in your life," said retired national Symphony Orchestra tuba player David Bragunier.

"I love the tuba. We've become the underdog of the orchestra or of the musical world. It's great fun," he said. "The tuba has come a long way. When it was first invented we were sort of an oddball instrument," Bragunier said. It is now a more mainstream instrument, with players Wednesday ranging in age from 10 to 87. Bragunier said, "There are 250 tuba Christmases all around the world."

## **Norma Jean Hull**



This is Norma Jean's granddaughter Lea Vaverchak, 4th grade teacher @ Williamsport Elementary, on a bus trip with her students. Can you imagine a bus load of 4<sup>th</sup> graders??? Note: Lea is Maggie Barnes' teacher.

***Editor's Comment: Why didn't we have teachers like this? If you went to Antietam Street, I know you can remember the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers we had. Just a minute difference huh?***

## **Deanna Knepper**

Using his engineering background and her organizational skills, Wilbur "Bill" and Deanna Soulis have built a sizable volunteering schedule. The Hagerstown couple, married for 32 years, met at St. John's Episcopal Church, to which they donate much of their time.

Bill helped start the St. John's Shelter, which is overseen by the church, in 1985, and has been the treasurer since day one, with grant writing being one of his many duties. "I'm really most proud of that," he said of his work with the shelter.

The facility at 14-16 Randolph Ave. in Hagerstown has room for five families, plus an apartment for the caregivers, said Bill, 75. He said the shelter is full most of the time. Client stays last from about six weeks to as long as six months, depending on how long it takes families to get back on their feet.

Bill twice served on the vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church, on South Prospect Street in Hagerstown, and has been its junior warden. At St. John's, the junior warden is in charge of commissions — committees of the church — while the senior warden is the rector's confidant, explained Deanna, 72. Deanna is now the church's junior warden. In the 1980s, she was the senior warden, a role that previously had never been filled by a woman

Deanna also serves on the fabric and grounds commission at the church, which makes sure the structural, electrical, plumbing and engineering aspects of the facility are in good working order. She also is on the church's garden committee, she reads to kindergartners at Bester Elementary School in Hagerstown as part of the church's outreach and she serves on a committee that is helping to organize a tour of historic Hagerstown churches, set for Monday, Dec. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m.

"She is incredibly efficient and persistent," the Rev. Ann Boyd, rector at St. John's, said of Deanna. "She's really very personable" and works well with all kinds of people, Boyd said.

Bill is chairman of the church's strategic planning committee, which is charged with setting the church's goals for the next three to five years. Boyd said she admires his architectural gifts and the

"camera eye" he has developed as an avid photographer.

"He understands the intricacies of the building itself ... the liturgical value of various aspects of it," Boyd said. She said he "helps us to remember it's not just about the artwork ... it's about creating holy space." Bill designed the renovation of the church's undercroft in 1984, and in 1987 donated all the design work for a \$1 million renovation and addition at the church, and work on its cemetery.

"They're invaluable to us," Boyd said of the Soulises. The Soulises also serve the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Deanna has helped with events at the museum, on the grounds of City Park, including its recent 80th birthday dinner and the Treasure Sale, which was held in November and raised money to help pay the museum's operating expenses. She also is a member of the Hagerstown Garden Club, which is associated with the museum. Bill is a docent there once every two months or so, through which he hopes to learn more about art.

The church and museum are common ground for the Soulises, but from there, their volunteering diverges. Deanna has helped with Hagerstown Community College's annual tribute to community members and helps with activities at Coffman Nursing Home in Hagerstown, where her mother resides. Bill has been a member of the board for the Washington County Historical Society for eight years. He also is part of the Potomac Highlands World War II Roundtable, an organization formed to give Tri-State-area history buffs a chance to gather and learn about the largest conflict in human history.

### **Gloria Bowers**

Gloria's husband has published a Civil War article and if you are a buff or interested in reading the article, click on the following link: **COBLE**

### **GUESS WHO CONTEST**

**Baby #1**



**Baby #2**



**Baby #3**



***Editor's Comment: Can you match the classmate with the baby picture? Please submit your guess to [bobcianelli@verizon.net](mailto:bobcianelli@verizon.net). Winners will not receive any prize, only bragging rights. Baby #1 is sure an easy one to identify, huh? (Obviously, guessing your own picture doesn't count. This declaration is necessary when one deals with old people like you.)***



## EDUCATION CORNER

**How good are you at identifying people in old pictures? Email you guess to:  
<mailto:bobcianelli@verizon.net>**



***Editor's Note: Some of you are excluded from participating in this contest and you know who you are.***

## COMEDY CORNER

### **Conversation One of the Tables – 2011 Class Christmas Luncheon**

My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.  
"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."  
"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.  
"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fourth.  
"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.  
"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.  
"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," another winced.  
"Well, count your blessings," said a woman cheerfully - - "thank God we can all still drive."

### **The Older Crowd**

***An older gentleman was  
On the operating table  
Awaiting surgery  
And he insisted that his son,  
A renowned surgeon,  
Perform the operation.  
As he was about to get the anesthesia,  
He asked to speak to his son  
'Yes, Dad, what is it? '***

**'Don't be nervous, son;  
Do your best  
And just remember,  
If it doesn't go well,  
If something happens to me,  
Your mother  
Is going to come and  
Live with you and your wife....'**

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**Eventually you will reach a point  
When you stop lying about your age  
and start bragging about it. This is so true. I love  
to hear them say "you don't look that old."**

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**The older we get,  
The fewer things  
Seem worth waiting in line for.**

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**When you are dissatisfied  
And would like to go back to youth,  
Think of Algebra.**

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**You know you are getting old when  
Everything either dries up or leaks.**

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**First you forget names,  
And then you forget faces.  
Then you forget to pull up your zipper.  
It's worse when  
You forget to pull it down.**