

Re: 2022 Yearly Record Updates for 1962 Spencer High School Class

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My address is correct.

On Sun, Apr 3, 2022, 8:00 PM Elaine Feldhacker <ebf1244@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Classmates,

It is time to update our class records for the 60th class reunion booklet. We are requesting that all of you please keep in touch with us. Everyone is important and we do not want to lose track of anyone. Keeping in touch is important because it allows us to contact you by email to notify everyone with important class information, and especially when we lose a classmate. Emails are an efficient tool for us to use and a fast way of communication. There are 16 classmates that Ed has to make phone calls to that do not have email addresses. We mail out 16 letters to each of those classmates, so if you are one of them and have recently acquired a computer and have an email address, please inform us so we can add you to the list of 83.

You will want your updated information in the new class reunion booklet that will be printed in June a couple of weeks before the reunion date. Our goal is to have updated information on a yearly basis. Updated information every year will solve the ongoing confusion of attempting to locate classmates. Many of us have eliminated our landline phones and are only using our cell phones. The loss of landlines have caused a problem in locating our classmates. When this happens we have to rely on our classmate relatives in order to acquire the cell phone number of the person we cannot find. There will never be a cell phone directory for us to rely upon.

Please send us your "new" information as soon as possible. For those of you that do not have an email address, or a computer, and this was sent to you by mail, please mail your new information back to us at our address below. For those of you that do have recent changes, please forward the new information back to us at our email address of ebf1244@gmail.com. IF YOU DO "NOT" HAVE ANY CHANGES TO MAKE, THERE IS NO NEED TO RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Spencer High School class of 1962 have lost 38 classmates in the past 60 years. Our classmate number originally was 135 (some of those included moved and did not graduate with us) and now they number 97 living classmates. Since the 50th class reunion in June 2012, we have lost a total of 15 classmates, since the 55th class reunion in June 2017, we have lost an additional 10 more for a total of 25 classmates, and finally since our upcoming 60th class reunion which will be in June 2022, we have lost an additional 13 more for a total of 38 classmates. Years go by swiftly and if we have good health we are very fortunate.

Some of us have lost those that were nearest and dearest to us. We are survivors and we are warriors and above all Spencer Tigers! We are men and women, like a classic car or a fine wine. Even if our bodies are not what they once were, they carry our souls, our courage, and our strength. We all enter this chapter of our lives with humility, grace, and pride over everything we have been through. We should never feel bad about getting older, as it is a privilege that is denied to so many. "You have to embrace getting older, life is precious, and when you have lost a lot of people (or classmates), you realize that each day is truly a gift." Many of you know we have lost all our children, our three beautiful daughters are in Heaven waiting for us. We always have felt that our Spencer and (Elaine's) Sioux Center classmates are our second family. We do love all of you.

The number of the deceased classmates below lists the first to the last of the most recent passing of a classmate. Reflecting on this list, reminds us of how important it is to attend class reunions, as we never know who we may not see again. It really does not matter if you were popular or not popular, whether your family was rich or poor, whether you had many friends, or a few friends. What matters is in God's eyes you are special, and an important member of the Spencer class. You are a child of God and each one of us has our days numbered until the good Lord chooses to call us home. We have to be thankful God designed a purpose for each of us to be here on earth, let us enjoy one another as we age gracefully. Hugs to the classmates who are still with us, and fond memories of those who have gone before us. We treasure the memories we have of each of you and our friends whom we cherish and are able to spend more time with. Our prayer for all of you is to stay healthy and strong.

Please complete the following information and send by mail or forward this email back to us. Remember if you have had NO CHANGES in your records, you do not have to respond to this:

New Address:

New Landline Phone Number:

Have you eliminated your landline? (Yes) or (No)

New Cell Phone Number:

New Email Address:

Want to add another email address:

Sincerely,
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"Those Who Have Gone On Before Us"

01---1976, Nov 04---Stouffer, David "Butch" Allen, 32 years, 10 months, 12 days
02---1987, Nov 08---Wagoner, John Cecil, 43 years, 2 months, 12 days
03---1989, Feb 04---De Boer, Darlene Ann Maddocks, 45 years, 6 months, 21 days
04---1990, July 01---Valdahl, Mary Francis Hintz, 46 years, 5 months, 25 days
05---1998, Sep 03---Olson, Sharon Kay Bendlin, 54 years, 10 months
06---2000, Jan 20---Coughenour, Ronald "Ron" Lee, 55 years, 6 months, 11 days
07---2000, Sep 23---Wilkinson, William "Bill" Wesley, 56 years, 6 months, 22 days
08---2002, Mar 25---Milton, Milan "Milt" Gene, 57 years, 8 months, 10 days
09---2006, May 07---Rausch, Billy "Bill" Gene, 61 years, 10 months, 12 days
10---2010, Oct 20---Hart, Carol Catherine Wyatt, 66 years, 8 months, 9 days
11---2011, July 11---Anliker, Marcia "Marcy" LaRae Rolenc, 67 years, 3 months, 9 days
12---2011, Nov 21---Schaffer, Lana Lucia Webb Eades Schanbacher, 67 years, 9 months
13---2012, Mar 06---Carver, Dr. Franklin "Frank" Jay, 67 years, 8 months, 16 days
14---2012, Apr 03---Strang, Mary Louise Rink Sandoval, 67 years, 8 months, 8 days
15---2012, July 04---Preston, Maurice "Skip" Edward Jr., 67 years, 11 months, 27 days
16---2013, Feb 16---Thomas, Mary Louise Beck, 68 years, 9 months, 15 days
17---2013, May 01---Booth, LeRoy Eugene, 71 years, 20 days
18---2013, May 15---Peterson, Leonard Leroy, 68 years, 8 months, 12 days
19---2013, July 18---Van Otterloo, Gary Harlan, 69 years, 5 months, 6 days
20---2013, Aug 03---Fuller, Lynn Louis, 70 years, 5 months, 26 days
21---2013, Dec 28---Cline, Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Cook, 70 years, 2 months, 29 days
22---2014, Jan 25---Combs, Stephen "Steve" Thomas, 69 years, 7 months, 27 days
23---2014, Aug 30---Evjy, Donna Rae Herbst, 70 years, 5 months, 25 days
24---2015, Feb 19---Carpenter, William "Bill" Franklin, 72 years, 4 months, 29 days
25---2015, Oct 18---Lenz, Marlene Mathilda, 71 years, 9 months, 7 days
26---2017, Aug 07---Stukey, Sandra "Sandy" Margie Jordan, 73 years, 2 months, 29 days
27---2017, Oct 14---Smith, Charles Wendall, 73 years, 3 months, 7 days
28---2018, Mar 19---Tuttle, John Randall, 74 years, 3 days
29---2018, Aug 22---Halverson, Roland James "Jim", 74 years, 8 months, 7 days
30---2018, Oct 26---Olson, Julie Ann Toppenberg, 74 years, 6 months, 12 days
31---2019, May 09---Scoltock, Dr. John Wilson, 75 years, 7 months, 2 days
32---2019, May 23---Thoreson, Judith "Judy" Cleo Ensley, 74 years, 9 months, 11 days
33---2019, Aug 17---Utley, Eula Marie Belken, 74 years, 9 months, 6 days
34---2020, Jan 02---Lachner, Dennis "Dennie" Lee, 76 years, 28 days
35---2020, Feb 23---Lavine, Richard "Rick" Dean, 76 years, 4 months, 28 days
36---2020, Aug 26---Schneckloth, Pamela Sue Johnson, 76 years, 9 months, 11 days
37---2020, Aug 29---Folsom-Meek, Dr. Sherry Lee, 76 years, 1 month, 4 days
38---2022, Feb 26---Hamrick, LaVern "Joe" Kenneth, 80 years, 1 month, 27 days