

## DHS CLASS OF 1966



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**DEAR CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS:** I can't believe it's been almost 2 years since I've been able to put out a newsletter, so I hope I can make it worth your wait! Where did the time go? OMG, there is so much news to report, I hardly know where to begin.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** The DHS Class of 1966 - 65<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY/MEDICARE PARTY will be held this coming September 7<sup>th</sup> (2013). It's on a Saturday and the fun begins at 1:00 PM sharp and will go to 4:00 PM. Thankfully, I can announce it will be a FREE event with NO registration fee! I hope that it will make it that much easier for you all to attend! We're planning on a short and funny program and a couple of speakers. For sure there will be a Medicare rep. avail to sign you up and/or answer your questions and we're trying to get a rep from the VA and possibly social security. But mostly we're gonna have some fun with lots of social time! There will be some doorprizes and a raffle or two. There will be an awesome cake and beverages etc. but plan on eating lunch before you get there. I would appreciate a quick RSVP for headcount purposes. It's going to be lots of fun and we sure hope you can



make it! In addition, faculty and friends of the class are also being invited! All the info you need is on the flyer, enclosed with this Newsletter. As you can see, we will be having the party at the Mid-Columbia Senior Center. How appropriate, right? It is air conditioned and will be much quieter than Spooky's. Anyway, in addition to what is on the flyer, I would like to mention that if anyone would like to tour the high school, just let me know and I can arrange that for you. Also, the The Dalles High School Archive Museum will be open for us from 10am to 3pm that same day, for those interested in seeing all the memorabilia that has been collected over the years. Rymmel Lovell and her staff have done an amazing job for all to see and enjoy! It's pretty awesome! My BFF Shirley Adkins moved from Oregon to North Las Vegas, Nevada. She's in the same neighborhood as Nancy Remington! Needless to say, I about had a heart attack, cuz as you know; she is my rock and right hand for our class reunions. But she taught me to Skype and reminded me that she's just a phone call away, so I am surviving as she and Denny begin a new chapter! Last but not least, a BIG thank you to the classmates on the Planning Committee!! Your efforts and support are SOOOOO appreciated! Next big event is our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion in 2016!

**OUR CLASS WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:** We have our new class website up and running! It's now known as [www.dhsclassof1966.com](http://www.dhsclassof1966.com). It works best if you "sign up" your first visit and log in each time thereafter using your password. This allows "classmate members only" to view specific info

about each other. There are lots of pages to view on the menu that you find on the Home Page. I will be adding more info and photos in the near future.



Be patient with me, because I am still learning how to do certain things. So check it out and enjoy! As of this moment, we've had 4,650 hits on our website!! Cool, huh! And finally, we have a

great class Facebook page so look it up and become a member. It works best if you become MY friend (Kathy *Catmull* Garrett) and from there I can add you as a member on the class page. It's called "DHS Class of 66 and Friends".

**LOST & FOUND:** The GOOD news is Anita Peterson Rensing and John Irv Elliott have been found! Welcome back guys!! Anita is living in Portland and Irv is in Eugene. Let me know if you want their contact info. The following is the current list of MISSING classmates. If you have any info to help us find them, please let me know: Susan Christiansen, Larry Claggett, Carol Combs, Paul Creighton, Donn Dietrich, Virginia Evans, Glenn Hill, Audrey Isaak, Jim McClanahan, Jeff Mitchell, John Murray, Cheryl Ramsey Hall, Cheryl Swift, Ron Waddell and Brenda Wilder Thomas.

**UPDATES NEEDED:** Since it's been so long since our last snail-mailing, I am expecting to get lots of mail returns from the post office this time. So many of you have retired and moved, etc. and I don't know where you are now! I will do my best to find you when the mailman returns your newsletter to me. It is SO important for you to send me your current contact info: mailing address, email address, etc. Please contact me as soon as you can. I really work hard to find everyone and keep us connected. It would be GREATLY appreciated!

**DONATIONS TO CLASS FUND:** As always, we continue to appreciate your class donations to cover our ongoing expenses. Although we are saving \$\$ on mailings because of emailing....we are now incurring a new expense to keep the website up and running. So there are printing, postage,

website, reunion planning costs, etc. – so you can see it's ongoing. You have always been extremely generous in your donations and I want to sincerely thank you!! It is always used wisely and GREATLY appreciated! You can easily donate using the PAYPAL button on the class website, or



go to PayPal directly – send \$ to [kathy@garrett.net](mailto:kathy@garrett.net). If you choose to send a check the old fashioned way, make it

payable to: DHS Class of 1966 and send it to my home address at: 15204 SE Oatfield Road, Milwaukie, OR 97267. Again, thank you so much!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Yes, congratulations to those of you who are finally able to retire!! Hopefully, you are in good health and can enjoy the beginning of your new life! Belated congrats to Pam Winnett and her new husband, Jim Craig!! Best of luck in your new life together in Arizona!!! Congratulations to those of you who are now able to enjoy your grandchildren! We enjoy seeing the pictures you share with us on Facebook, etc! Many are now having GREAT grandchildren! Wow – hard to believe we are that old!! Here's a FB post from Joe Sholes: *"It's official. Lela and I have been called to serve in the Chile Concepcion Mission for 18 months starting Sept. 30. We're excited. Thanks to all who have anticipated this call with us."* Congrats Joe! And here's a recent FB post about former teacher, Mr. Walt Smith: *Mr. Smith, the best English teacher and Dad in the world! Just celebrated his 84th Father's Day today and still takes his daily walks around town!* If YOU have any news you would like to share with the class, you can do so on FB, our Website, or email me and I will be glad to pass it on there for you or in the next newsletter. Recently, Roger Howe gave me quite an update of HIS life and permission to share it, in the hopes that others will be inspired to share THEIR stories with the class. I will share the entire email elsewhere, but in summary here's what's going on in HIS life: He's just become an EMT, got his Technician Ham License, does Search & Rescue & Training, manages 16 rentals for his parent's trust, works out at the health club, speaks to various groups, operates his insurance agency, and just started taking golf lessons with his wife E.J, and

says he FALLS into bed each night! Not sure how he can keep up this pace – but am sure proud of him! And on top of all that, he just celebrated 19 years of marriage! Way to go Wambo!!! I love hearing about your lives! PLEASE let me know what's going on in YOUR life, give me permission to share it and I'll pass it on! Gary and I work hard on trying to get a good night's sleep and try keeping up with the daily tasks around here! We have started working out – staying healthy is our priority!! Gary drops me off at the pool at a neighborhood "retirement home" (eek!) and I try to swim 2 hours a day, 4-5 days a week. With my foot problems, the impact of walking etc., for exercise, is out of the question! I must say I am enjoying the pool and all the cool "old" people that I am meeting. It's almost become more of a social activity! Gary goes to the gym and works out while I'm at the pool. We keep busy with our church involvement and lead a bible study in our home each week. Between that and family and pets, we have a full life!

**CONDOLENCES:** I wish I could name all the people who have had some losses in their life, but am so afraid I would leave someone out. We know many of you have lost your parents, your children, your siblings, your spouses and your alumni friends. Such a hard time of our life, to bear these losses...Special mention of our school nurse – Jan Henderson who recently passed away and longtime DMV employee Dorothy Gray, our condolences to their families and friends. Dorothy is probably the lady who gave most of us our DMV driving test and driver's licences!

**THOUGHTS &/or PRAYERS:** We presently have several classmates, fighting the big battle with cancer. Terry Hutchins has been consumed with brain tumor surgery, heart issues and lung cancer surgery. Just recently he was informed that his brain tumor has returned and he will be facing another surgery! We'll be keeping him in our thoughts and prayers. The GOOD NEWS is that it is benign! He's proved over and over again, that he IS one tough guy and a survivor! Unfortunately, his dear wife of 40 years, Lee, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Their load is heavy and they really covet our thoughts and prayers,

encouragement and support. Tom Endersby had successful brain tumor surgery last year! YEAH! And Dave Cochenour is fighting his way thru bone marrow cancer.....and is doing well at the moment as treatments are going in the right direction. I can't tell you how many of you are getting new knees and hips!! We should have inquired about doing it all at once, so we could get the GROUP rate! Needless to say, we need to keep all the members of our class in our thoughts and/or prayers, at this stage of our lives.....

**FOR SALE:** Leftover from the 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, I have 4 ea. – Class Group Photo on discs and 2 ea – Class Reunion Candid Photo's on discs.....if you would like them, they are \$5.00 each. First come, first serve! Just let me know.....

**ERRORS & OMISSIONS:** PLEASE forgive me if there are any errors or omissions in this newsletter! Let me know if there are and I will do my best to correct it in the next one. I've tried to keep up to date on stuff....but the older I get, the harder it is! I suppose you could fire me, but PLEASE don't! I still really LOVE what I do! ☺

We'll see you.....in September.....



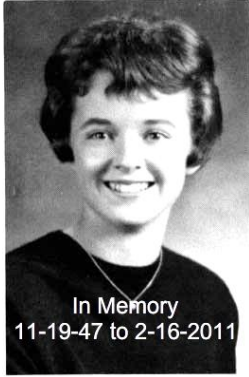
Love and hugs,

*Kathy*

**IN MEMORIAM:** Unfortunately, since the publishing of our last official newsletter, we have lost several more classmates. We've now lost a total of 34 classmates. Way too many! The following is their obituaries. We shall never forget them!



### **Joanne Marie Cimmiyotti Roberts**



Joanne Marie Cimmiyotti

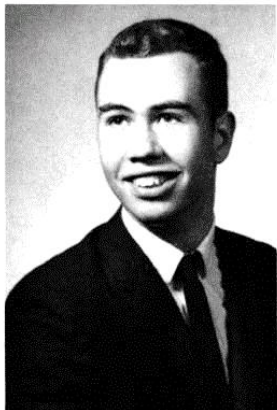
11-19-47 to 2-16-2011 - Born in The Dalles, Oregon on November 19, 1947, Joanne was the oldest of four children born to Merle & Rosemary Cimmiyotti. She grew up in Lyle, Washington with stops along the way in Glenwood, Washington and Encino, California, before returning to The Dalles, where Joanne graduated from high school in

1966. Joanne attended Oregon State University from 1966 to 1968 majoring in home economics and was a member of the Oregon State rifle team. While at Oregon State she met Ron Roberts and they were married on June 21, 1969 in The Dalles. Ron & Joanne moved to Juneau, Alaska to open a sporting goods store. While in Juneau the Roberts met John & Betty Wyatt at the Juneau Church of Christ where Bob Waldron was ministering and both were soon converted. In 1971 the Roberts moved to Denver for Ron to attend Bear Valley School of Preaching while Joanne worked as a bank teller. They adopted their first son, Ken, in Denver before moving to Tomball, Texas in 1974. Two more sons, Jeff and Don, were adopted in Tomball where sons Ben and Tim were also born. Joanne was active in the Mothers' Day Out program as well as the church Joy Bus ministry, summer camps and Vacation Bible School. Joanne made many dear friends there and left a deep impression on the church community. Ron & Joanne moved back to Denver for two years in 1981 while Ron completed missions preparation training before relocating in Santiago, Chile. Joanne served faithfully in the church and was loved and

respected as a trusted Christian example for the women in the church and on the mission team. Joanne loved her home in Chile and with her adventurous spirit, traveled on many family trips and served as chauffer and cheerleader to endless school, scouting and sports events for her five sons. She grew proficient in Spanish and her wisdom and teaching in women's groups there were vital to the mission team effort. In 1989 the family returned to the States, settling in Vancouver, Washington. Joanne's empathy and steady composure while the boys transitioned, sometimes roughly, to life back in the States was a pillar for her family. Joanne began work for Clark County Health Department in 1990 and worked there for 21 years. She is remembered as a diligent, dependable, and beloved worker. Joanne picked up where she left off in Chile with faithful attendance to all her sons' many sporting activities and school events. She was extremely active as a member of the Vancouver Church of Christ, helping to lead Alpha groups, teach Bible classes, build homes in Mexico, and many other activities. Joanne was a mentor and loved friend to many of the family in Vancouver. Joanne was preceded in death by her father, Merle Cimmiyotti. She is survived by her mother Rosemary Fiedler of Tacoma, Washington. Joanne leaves behind her husband of 41 years, Ron, and five children: Ken Roberts of Los Angeles, Jeff Roberts of Portland, Oregon, Don Roberts of Campo Grange, Brazil, Ben Roberts of Niteroi, Brazil, and Tim Roberts of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, along with five grandchildren and one more on the way. Joanne is survived by her brothers Robert Cimmiyotti of Mendocino, California, Dean Cimmiyotti of Eagle River, Alaska, Sister Norma Bennett of St. Marie's, Idaho, and five nieces and six nephews. Joanne's life was one selflessly lived serving others. She had a passion for Christ and was committed to bringing His love to the world around her. She was steadfast in her belief and commitment that her children know the God she served. Joanne loved being a mother. She treasured and was very proud of each of her grandchildren. Joanne was a gracious hostess, opening her home and heart to many who eventually became part of her extended family. She loved to garden and hike with Ron. She tolerated the television in her home being tuned to sporting

events year-round for over thirty years. As the only woman in a home of six men, Joanne was the rock of the family. She was devoted to Ron and followed his dreams and work literally all over the world. In the midst of a tragic illness Joanne faced her final days with courage and serenity, telling her children that she had been "extraordinarily blessed." Joanne blessed the lives of those around her and will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

### Allen (Andy) Irvin Anderson



Allen Irvin Anderson

5-15-48 to 9-23-2011 - Allen "Andy" Irvin Anderson, 63, went home to be with his Lord Friday September 23, 2011. Funeral Services celebrating his life will be held 2:00pm Thursday September 29, 2011 at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville with Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson, Rev. Rick Carter, and Rev. Dale

Hilton officiating. A native of The Dalles, Oregon, he was the son of the late Marjorie Starkweather Anderson and Irvin Orlo Anderson. Allen proudly served his country with the US Air Force for 4 years. Allen had been a member of Carolina Rescue since 1979, and he became Assistant Chief In January 2003. Allen was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and served in the choir. Survivors include his wife of 38 years Nadine Anderson of Kernersville; daughter Dorinda Bricolo and husband Shaun of Winston-Salem. The family will visit with friends following the service on Thursday at the church. Friends and family may sign and view the guest book at [www.Pierce-JeffersonFuneralService.com](http://www.Pierce-JeffersonFuneralService.com). Memorial contributions may be sent to Main Street United Methodist Church, 306 South Main Street, Kernersville, NC, 27284.

### Cheryl Bryant Jackson



Cheryl Diane Bryant

Deceased April 1, 2012 - (There is no public obituary). The following was written, by her dear friend and classmate, Cheryl Bailey Ortega: "*Cheryl Bryant. I vaguely remember her in high school. I later learned she had transferred in during our junior or senior year. Then, through circumstances only God*

*can plan, we became acquainted. Cheri (the name she chose to be called) had been through two battles with cancer, and then lost a kidney to infection. She survived because of her faith in God and the healing hands of Jesus. The Holy Spirit guided her. She read the Bible and spent hours every day in prayer. Together we prayed for people who needed physical, emotional or spiritual help. When she was physically able, she would visit people in the nursing homes and pray with them, offering comfort and hope. Unable to work, she lived with the minimal income of Supplemental Security. Often she could barely make the rent payment and buy some of the necessary medications. Food was a luxury, and her body would resist most of it anyway. She loved animals, and had at one time 8 cats and her Chihuahua. She was artistic and did some painting. When able, she attended Covenant Christian Church. A true Prayer Warrior, she watched Benny Hinn, John Hagee, and TBN faithfully. Always putting the well-being of others before herself. She is now at home, peaceful, and utterly happy with the One she loved most."*

*The following was added by her loving aunt, June Brown: I must also add, our family had a prayer chain going for her through all her cancer treatments. Her uncle was a pastor and he spent many hours with her. I took her to her treatments and spent days with her. She was very sweet. She will always be missed and loved.always in our hearts.RIP MY LITTLE ONE.*

**Susan C. "Sue" McClard Brewer**



Susan Carol McClard

April 12, 1948 - March 20, 2013 - Susan C. "Sue" Brewer, 64, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died at a Portland hospital Wednesday, March 20, 2013. She was born April 12, 1948, the youngest of three girls to Jack and Zaida (Tash) McClard. She was raised and educated in The Dalles, graduating from The Dalles High School in 1966.

She then attended Portland State University. On April 21, 1968, she and Jerry Brewer were married in The Dalles. She was actively involved with the Commission on Children and Families, the YouthThink Coalition, Youth Respite Care and the Methodist Church Youth Group. She enjoyed spending time with family, gardening, the outdoors, reading, cooking and baking with grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Jerry Brewer, The Dalles, Ore.; and daughters Jennifer Allinger and her husband Chris, North Bonneville, Wash.; and Annette Moeller and her husband Mark, Wallowa, Ore.; her sister Pat Oliver and her husband John, Vancouver, Wash.; brother-in-law Joe Hill, Wasilla, Alaska; sister-in-law Debi Spencer, The Dalles; sister-in-law Sharon Day and husband Jim, The Dalles, Ore.; granddaughters Ella and Sophie Moeller, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Zaida McClard; sister Nancy Hill; brother-in-law Bill Spencer, and great-nephew Jason Hannah. Funeral service will be Monday, March 25, at 1 p.m. at Spencer, Libby and Powell

Funeral Home with Pastor Gerald Ward officiating. Interment will follow at the I.O.O.F. 18th Street Cemetery.

**Phil Athanas**



Phil Gregory Athanas

June 27, 1948 to June 19, 2013 - Philip G. Athanas, 64, a lifelong resident of The Dalles, Ore., died Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at his residence. He was born June 27, 1948, in The Dalles, to Jack and Zona (Leabo) Athanas. He was raised and educated in The Dalles, graduating from The Dalles High School in 1966. Following

high school he worked in construction until his retirement in 2002. He was a member of the Laborers International Union of America Local 320. He was also a licensed firearms dealer and part-time gunsmith. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, had served as state president of Trap and Skeet and was an avid fisherman. He is survived by his sisters Linda Clark and her husband Les, Tucson, Ariz.; and Susan Earl, Cottage Grove, Ore.; and brother Robert Athanas and his wife Kathy, The Dalles. Numerous nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews also survive. Services will be Wednesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. at the I.O.O.F. 18th Street Cemetery. Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Rifle Association or the American Diabetes Foundation.

**NEVER FORGOTTEN.....**