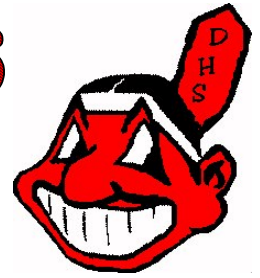


## AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER



# DHS CLASS OF 1966



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**CLASSMATES & FRIENDS:** It's been a year since my last Newsletter. This one will bring you up to date on the class news and inform you of all the upcoming events! PLEASE take the time to read the **entire** Newsletter, as there is important information throughout! If you are not on Facebook or receiving email updates - there is a year's worth of news for you here, so read on and ENJOY!! For the rest of you, some but not all of it, will be repetitive....

**UPCOMING EVENTS: MAKE SURE YOU MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! #1** - Our very next **Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon @ Spooky's Pizza in The Dalles.** We are hoping for a good attendance to bounce some ideas around regarding the upcoming 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and continue the planning of our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! We need lots of help to make these events a success, so volunteer and/or attend if you can. **#2 - Our 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** is just



around the corner. It will be held on **S a t u r d a y , September 19<sup>th</sup> @ Spooky's in The Dalles, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm!** I

cannot tell you what a fabulous time we had last year and want to encourage you to come spend a few hours with us! There are over 170 great pictures from last year's party on our website and on our Facebook page. Here's a note from Rymmel Lovell regarding the school's archive museum: "Please let folks know the School Archive Museum is going strong and growing. It is open every Saturday from May through September, as well as other times for visitors traveling through. I hope the museum is included in your 50th Reunion plans, as well as touring the H.S. for those who haven't done that in awhile. Also, I now have a "wish list" from the high school for alumni donations and anything given through the Education Foundation is tax deductible since they have a 501c3 designation." And by popular demand, we will be having another fund-raising raffle (led by Kathy Monaghan and her sister, Bonnie!) with lotsa great items and most of them are being donated by classmates. If you have an item you would like to donate for the raffle, please let me know! This has proven to be a terrific fund-raiser for the class and will help bring down the registration fee of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion next year, so more can attend. And the news you have all been waiting for.....it's coming, it's coming.....now turn the page over:

**#3 - Our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion date and venue have been finalized! We will gather the weekend of October 1, 2016 -** Friday night at



Spooky's, Saturday night at The Country Club and Sunday at the Sorosis Park Shelter - with lots of extra activities around town in between! We are kicking into high

gear to provide the best reunion ever for you - and again, we will need your help! I cannot begin to emphasize how much we want to see YOU there! We have lots to catch up on with each other and 50 years of celebrating to do! Let's party like we remember how! Start making your plans now!

**LOST & FOUND:** The following is the current list of MISSING classmates. (I *think* it's pretty accurate, but with my recent computer problems, it may not be - I am expecting more mail returns with this mailing.) I REALLY need a volunteer, who has some free time, to pursue an idea I have for locating them online. If you are interested and willing to help, please let me know! We are still looking for Susan Christiansen, Larry Claggett, Carol Combs, Paul Creighton, Donn Dietrich, Virginia Evans, Chris Figgatt Williams, Audrey Isaak, Joan Lepinski Fisher, Jim McClanahan, Jeff Mitchell, John Murray, Cheryl Swift, Ron Waddell and Brenda Wilder Thomas. We have had some information to indicate some of them might be deceased, but I am going to leave them on the list until it can be confirmed.

**UPDATING RECORDS:** I am sorry to say, some of my database records have been compromised recently. It is most important that I keep current and accurate contact information on every single classmate and so I am asking for your help. The contact info I have on you could

be old - esp. if you have changed ANYTHING in the last 3 years. PLEASE drop me a quick email or snail mail with your contact info on it as soon as possible! Here's the info I need: **Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, and Phone Number (identify as cell or landline).** **THANK YOU SO MUCH! This info is VITAL in helping me with what I do for you!**

**HOMETOWN NEWS:** At Kurtz Gymnasium, the interior has been repainted with the current school colors and mascot (on the gym floor). Crimson and Grey and our own Indian and Chief Wahoo are now just a memory.....out with the old and in with the new. Kinda makes me a little sad..... The school has finally had the name changed back to The Dalles High School (yay!) and the new mascot is Riverhawk. Kudo's to the many volunteers from Mid-Columbia Medical Center for all the hard work they put into restoring the outside of The Dalles High School building - you MUST go by and take a look - shiny brass etc. and a much more cleaner look for TDHS. And for those of you planning a trip back home in the future, you should know that Spooky's Pizza is now closed on Sundays....so I suggest you plan accordingly so you don't miss out on your favorite pizza or hefty henry! That would be discouraging, to say the least.

**SOME GOOD NEWS:** We are so glad to report that Shirley Adkins has moved back to Oregon!! It's soooooo good to have her back! And Sherry Johnston has also moved back to The Dalles. It's been wonderful to enjoy her photography on Facebook - she is one talented lady! Michon Filion is still recovering from her stroke but is doing quite well. After her initial hospitalization, she was moved to rehab, etc.....and she is now living in a wonderful foster home in Damascus (Portland). She can now walk and feed herself, etc. Unfortunately her speech has not yet fully returned, but that's not to say she can't communicate. Myself and

other classmates often visit her and are thrilled to see her beautiful spirit and continuous joy! She ALWAYS has a wonderful smile and there is always much laughter! She's able to write a little and is now trying to learn to operate an Ipad. We look forward to more communication with her soon. It has been discovered that she can actually SING her words more easily than speak them! She's working with a speech therapist and has an amazing supportive family. She is working hard to be able to leave the foster home and live with her daughter....at some point in the future. The class was able to enjoy a lunch at Applebee's awhile back with Michon - she loved seeing everyone who came. I have loaned her the class video's from the past and she loves watching those from time to time. She got lots of class messages and visits during her recovery and is looking forward to being able to attend the upcoming class party and 50<sup>th</sup> reunion! I told her by then she will probably be able to dance on the tables! She giggled, of course! Dave Lennartz was diagnosed with prostate cancer - but the GOOD NEWS is that after his surgery etc., he is recovering nicely and his numbers are practically normal. He is once again, enjoying life to the fullest! We are soooo thrilled for him!

**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:** As you will see below, several classmates have passed away this year and we need to keep their families in our thoughts and prayers. I am sorry to report the passing of Dave Cochenour and Terry Hutchens who lost their battles with cancer and Sharon Nunnally who lost her life after a rafting accident on the Deschutes River. Donald Mee has also passed. Marilyn Anthony's ex-husband, Tom VanPatten has passed as well....many will remember him as an upper classman and our hearts go out to their family. And just a few weeks ago, David Pratt and his wife Kay were injured in an automobile accident. David's injuries were more serious and after hospitalization and rehabilitation he

contracted the flesh eating bacteria. He has been successfully battling bladder cancer, which is thankfully in remission, as well as diabetes. David has been fighting for his life at OHSU in Portland and has lost his foot and part of his lower leg and had several tissue removal surgeries on other areas of his body in an effort to stop this terrible progression. I am pleased to report, David is now stable but still hospitalized at OHSU. He is one tough guy! As you can imagine, it is extremely stressful for his wife and children. Many of you online, have come together to help the family with your donations etc. and we thank you! Special kudo's to Joanne Kulick for offering her home to Kay, which is near the hospital, so she can be by his side as much as possible. And more special kudo's for Roger Howe for his amazing professional and personal assistance! Our class is AWESOME, especially when we need to rally to help each other! David and his wife Kay, want to thank you for all the good thoughts and prayers, more than anything! That has meant the most to them! We are considering his situation right now, a MIRACLE!! And they are giving all the glory to God - their strength and hope and faith have been amazing! And finally, Hew Hillis's long time girlfriend, Jan Turner is now under the care of Hospice for her cancer. Please keep both Jan and Hew in your thoughts and prayers. PLEASE let me know if you would like the info for any classmate, in order to contact them....

**DONATIONS:** First of all, I want to all who have been so faithful in supporting the class fund over the last 50 years! And esp. in times of need for class expenses or for helping out other classmates. You are amazing!! Again, much thanks to those of you who have sent cash donations to help the Pratt family!! From this point forward, we will begin accepting donations to cover expenses for the upcoming class birthday party and especially the upcoming expenses in organizing the 50 year reunion in

2016! So if you would like to do so - here's how: Paypal to [kathy@garrett.net](mailto:kathy@garrett.net) directly or thru the class website, or send a check payable to DHS Class of 1966. I thank you in advance.....as you ALWAYS come thru!

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Please make note of the class website and facebook page info at the top of this newsletter. The activity and support happening on these sites is phenomenal! Our class website has had exactly 36,683 hits so far! It seems our website is VERY popular indeed! And the daily interaction between classmates on facebook is so much fun! If you haven't sign-up or joined - I encourage you to do so - you won't believe what you are missing!!

**ERRORS & OMISSIONS:** Please forgive me if I have made any errors or left anything out of the Newsletter. As my computer data has recently been compromised, it is highly possible some of my info is not current. I sincerely apologize in advance....just let me know and I will make sure it gets corrected next time.

**CATMULL/GARRETT NEWS:** I am thrilled to report that this has been the best year ever for Gary and I! Over the years you have watched me battle my weight and it finally began to take a major toll on my health to the point I was almost immobile, and becoming insulin resistant regarding my diabetes. And then I started having heart, blood pressure, and high cholesterol problems to boot! Bottom line is I was really scared. So, I got myself a (free) Health Coach with Take Shape for Life, fueled by Medifast which is medically formulated and portioned meal replacements. I have now lost 147 pounds and Gary is down 85 pounds! In 3 weeks I was able to discontinue my insulin injections and in 3 months I was off **ALL** medications! I have never been healthier in the last 30 years and feel like a new woman! Gary

began his health journey in February and is almost at his high school weight and too, has been able to decrease or eliminate many of his medications! This program has truly saved our lives! A few months ago, I was encouraged to become a Health Coach myself and am enjoying the benefits of helping others! Let's face it - It's perfect - I love to talk and I love to help others - who knew at this stage of life, I would start a new career! I am now truly enjoying life to the fullest! Today, I am helping many classmates reach their goals of optimal health....and I just have to say, if you are interested in joining us, just let me know! It's the easiest program I've ever been on and I would love to make a difference in your life, too! One of the perks is no more \$\$ spent on copays for dr. visits, labwork, hospitals or prescriptions! What a concept! Dr. Wayne Anderson's (the co-founder of TSFL) has a goal to get America healthy - I am so proud to be a part of his team! So, our life includes still being active with our church, our family, our community and our class activities and most of all, staying healthy! Gary has become a master gardener (thanks to Pinterest!). He hasn't been this active in years! We still visit The Dalles, as we both still have our moms and family living there. And we are still loving our life in the big city of Portland! We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming class events! Please don't forget to **SEND ME YOUR CONTACT INFO AND DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Love and hugs,



**IN MEMORIAM:** We want to offer our condolences to the families of (Faculty) Constance McGonigle. Not surprisingly, she lived her life to the fullest til the very end. And to Kathy Dalrymple (WHS '66) in the loss of her husband Bill Durst. I am sure most everyone remembers Gary Honald (Honald Sign Company). He is also known as "the nicest man in town". He was killed in an unfortunate accident on a 4-wheeler. He has probably done more good for The Dalles than most anyone else. He will be remembered forever. And finally, as I mentioned above, we have lost several more classmates too soon - they will never be forgotten by DHS Class of 1966!

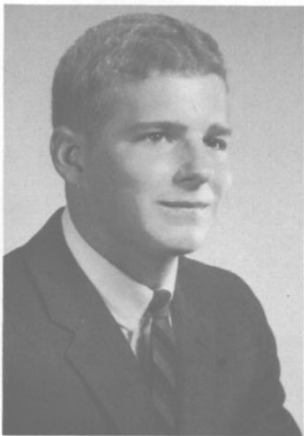
**Paul Douglas Gibson (WHS '66)**

April 20, 1948 - August 16, 2014



Paul, a resident of The Dalles, OR passed away at home on Saturday August 16, 2014, lovingly surrounded by longtime companion Debbie, his sister Mary, and his children. He was 66 years old. He was born and raised in The Dalles, graduating in 1966. Starting with the Alaskan Pipeline, Paul's love for rock drilling and blasting grew into a career that spanned thirty years. He also spent many years enjoying the outdoors; hunting, fishing, camping and flying kites whenever possible. Paul is survived by: Longtime companion, Debbie Wooderson, daughter Summer (Gibson) Womack, son Mitchell Gibson, and 4 grandchildren; brothers Charles Gibson and Martin Richelderfer; sisters Georgia Benson, Mary Zachariasen and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwina "Bunny" Richelderfer, Malcolm

Richelderfer and Douglas Gibson; daughter Tammy Sue Gibson; brothers Michael Gibson and Brian Richelderfer; and sister Sally Groce. Celebration of life will be held at The Eagles Lodge in The Dalles, located at 2006 W. 7th St. on Saturday, September 6th at 2:00 pm. Remembrances may be made to Heart of Hospice, 508 Washington St. The Dalles, OR 97058.



**TERRY ALLEN HUTCHENS**

November 9, 1948 - November 22, 2014

(At his request, there is no obituary.)

Terry Allen Hutchens

**DONALD MEE**

September 16, 1947 - November 4, 2014

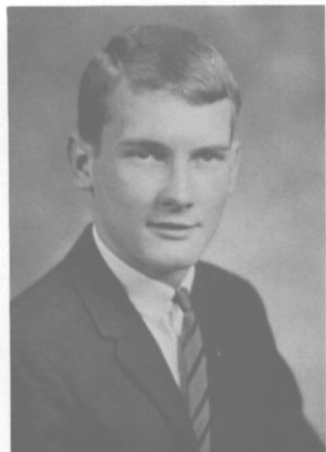


Don passed away at home in The Dalles on Tuesday, Nov. 4. He was born in Port Angeles, Wa. on Sept. 16, 1947 before the family moved to Seattle, and later The Dalles. Don graduated from The Dalles High School in 1965. He enlisted in the army and served in Vietnam from Sept. 1965 through July 1968, acting as a gunner on a helicopter as well as ground combat. He was later discharged with honors. Before he retired, Don's career was in property management. He spent 14 years in Florida prior to his return to The Dalles, where he lived for the last 10 years of his life. For the last two, he spent his winters in Arizona. Don always loved the outdoors, and included fishing, camping, reading and painting among his long list of hobbies. He also enjoyed barbequing surrounded by family and friends. Don was preceded in death by

his father, Donald Mee, in 1990; mother Ernestine Bryd in 2012; and brother Steve Boggs in 2000. He is survived by his family, including daughters Tara Dupuis and her husband Jim; Liberty Wecker and her husband Ken; his very special girlfriend Sara Watson; his sissy Diana Cheadle and her husband Mike; brothers Paul Mee and David Mee; grandkids Dean Johnson; Sage, Silas and Jesse Dupuis; Jordan, Ethan, Aubree and Hayden Wecker; several aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews. There will be a 12 p.m. military service at the Veterans' Memorial site across from Sosis Park. A gathering and celebration of life will also take place at The Legend following the service. "MY BIG BROTHER, THE SOLDIER WITH THE BIG WHITE WINGS" -- LOVE, YOUR SISSY

## DAVID COCHENOUR

February 25, 1948 - May 15, 2015



David Joseph Cochenour

On May 15th, 2015, surrounded by family, David went to be with his Lord and Savior after a long battle with cancer. David was born on February 25, 1948 to Harlin and Evelyn Cochenour in The Dalles, Ore. In 1966 he graduated from The Dalles High School. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy where he spent the first two years at sea on the USS Ticonderoga and his last two years stationed in Meridian Mississippi. After a short courtship, he married Linda Campbell on January 26, 1969. After 4 years in the service they returned to The Dalles in August of 1970, where they raised two sons, David Jr. and Jeffrey. He went to work for the local Aluminum plant and became a Millwright. When the plant closed in 1985, he opened his own construction company, Cochenour Builders, which is still going strong. He still enjoyed answering questions from his son Jeff,

who now runs the company. One of David's greatest joys in life was watching his sons and grandkids play sports or other activities they were involved in. He tried to make it to all their games and the crowd always knew that David was there. He loved to fish, camp, golf, ski, travel, play cards, and tell old Navy stories, but he most enjoyed being with his family and friends. David was

a member of the Elks 303 and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife Linda of 46 years, two sons David Jr. (Dawn), Jeff (Gina), three grandchildren: Emilie, David III, Molly, two step-grandchildren, Megan Johnson and Hailie Moulton (Tyler), his sister Kathryn Vogel (Mike), brother Steve, Uncle Lester Cochenour (Jody), Aunts Arlis Rohan and Barbara Reynolds, several in-laws and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and his beloved dog Lady. A viewing will be held May 20, 2015 from 2-5 pm at Spencer, Libby, and Powell funeral home. Services will be at Calvary Baptist Church in The Dalles at 12 pm, Thursday May 21st, 2015 followed by Military honors at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

## **Sharon Nunnally Birge**

September 15, 1948 - July 15, 2015

*(There is no obituary - however, we are thankful for her family allowing us to share following, which is the text of what the pastor said at her service)*



Sharon Marlene Nunnally

“Bob, Shawna and family, thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk about Sharon. I can’t even imagine what you are going through but I am confident that Sharon is in a great place surrounded by other amazing people. Sharon started at Boeing Portland, before it was even Boeing. In 1973 the plant was called Radiation International. She worked as a fill-in nurse for a couple of years before Boeing hired her on as the site nurse full-time, later moved into HR and then was selected as the first full-time Company Administrator for Joint Programs in Portland in early 2000. My earliest memories of Sharon are around the time I was a new first line manager, asking for her and Jim Thompson’s help with training for my crew of machinists. You need to understand, the tools/machines and processes we use are extremely complex, with tolerances and requirements that rival any manufacturing performed in the world.

She always asked, what are we trying to solve, what does the customer need? She was objective in her responses, balanced between what the company needed, what would help the employee, ensure the quality of the product, and promote the working together charter of Joint Programs. She had the unique ability to balance this with the absolute foundation of care and concern of our teammates. I was trying to list all of the different processes or programs that Sharon was involved in, but sorry I can’t stand up here and talk for the next 2 hours! , so I will try to paint the landscape of what she did and influenced, starting with high schools and our Tech Prep program. Sharon has been an integral part of a program that has introduced Boeing and the craft of manufacturing to thousands of kids. She’s touched hundreds as they progressed through the 3 year program at Boeing Portland and helped dozens win a family wage career at Boeing. Sharon was also at the core of our apprentice program, a very unique state sanctioned and recognized program including machinists, facilities mechanics and electricians. We

currently have 22 in three apprenticeship programs with nearly a hundred graduates. Another critical connection Sharon filled was to our local schools, high schools, charter schools and Community Colleges. She was Boeing's Executive Focal to Mount Hood CC for the last seven years and received their Patron Saint award in 2010. I know she was especially honored to receive that award from the school she had attended herself at one point, as did Shawna. Sharon was also keenly interested in helping these schools shape their curriculums so that the students would not only graduate with degrees and knowledge that was important to industry - therefore we would hire them - they also learned soft skills that enabled them to be very successful at work. Sharon was active in supporting the Foundations of both MHCC and PCC, and advocated for Boeing's support of student scholarships at Mt. Hood for students. Sharon was Boeing Portland's representative on the Regional Workforce Investment Board. As part of that board, she heard about Summer Works, a program for at-risk youth and in her usual style, worked with the site to reach out to help 3-4 students each summer since 2011 with a summer job opportunity. She was also an avid supporter of our Books & Backpacks drive, Adopt-a-Family efforts during the holidays, volunteered to work for Habitat for Humanity, sorted donations at Schoolhouse Supplies, and any other opportunity to help during her time at Boeing. Sharon and Jim Thompson and now Stacy James built an organization that has always been held up as the model, when people look for an employee training center. I can remember the first time I talked with their "big bosses" from Seattle, my only comment to them was "don't mess it up - don't change anything". And I still say that today. Sharon's organization, processes and results were benchmarked and replicated, or at least attempted to be replicated, at all Manufacturing Business Units in Fabrication, at the Programs, where they assemble the commercial aircraft, and at our suppliers and partners in locations as far away as China. Earlier this month I was mentally going through what I was going to say at Sharon's retirement potluck and the thought of Legacy came up. What I was going to say then is absolutely true now. Sharon's legacy in my mind is that she personally touched and shaped thousands of people. She inspired these people to strive to a better place, to lean on and count on others and when others ask for your help, give it with a smile. I personally do not know of anyone who has made a deeper impact and shaped the people and culture of Boeing Portland more than Sharon. This is what the Tech Prep third year and summer interns wrote: The members of the Boeing internship would like to offer our condolences for the untimely passing of Sharon, and recognize that though she is no longer with us, her legacy will live long in the people she has assisted in becoming part of the Boeing family. May the sun never set on the accomplishments of her life. With sincerest condolences, The interns of 2015. Bob and Shawna, I am so sorry and sad for your loss. Personally, I will miss Sharon more than I can verbalize, as a friend and a teammate. The world is dimmer with Sharon gone. Thank you for the honor of allowing me to speak about Sharon, and take care.