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Don't Miss the 2023 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic! Saturday, September 23 from Noon to 3

The 2023 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 23, from 12 to 3 pm, at the VFW, 540 S. Indiana Street in Hobart. The picnic is free, and all alumni of the Hobart schools and their families are invited. Free hot dogs, brats, chips, and bottled water will be available courtesy of the HHS Alumni Association.

The Homecoming football game will be against Lowell on Friday, September 22, at the Brickyard. Come and make a weekend of it!

You can renew your membership at the BrickieFest picnic, or join for the first time, and your membership will be good until the end of 2024.



Alumni Spotlight



Roger and Debbie Jenkins at their 50th anniversary, with Debbie's sister Bridget Riordan.

Debbie Guernsey Jenkins, Retired USPS Carrier

Our Alumni Spotlight is on Debbie Guernsey Jenkins, Class of 1973, who was a postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Where are you living now, and how do you spend your time these days?

Since 1975 we have lived in Valrico, FL, just east of Tampa. Most of my time is taken up with family and community activities. We are fortunate to have our daughters and their families close by, so we enjoy the sports and activities of our grandchildren, as well as spending time with extended family and friends. Our daughters are involved with numerous charitable organizations, and we enjoy supporting those activities and projects. We also like to travel and spend time in the N. Georgia mountains where we own a home.

You've been married 50 years! How did you meet your husband, and what does he do?

Roger and I met at Hobart Junior High school and started dating when he was in 9th grade and I was in 8th grade. Roger's family has always been in the roofing industry and our family owns Cardinal Roofing and

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Solar Technologies here in Valrico. He is semi-retired and supports Cardinal Roofing as a consultant. Our daughter, Bridget, and another partner are co-owners with us, so Roger supports them with his sage wisdom!

Can you tell us about the rest of your family?

Our daughter, Cassie, is a nurse practitioner and it is very handy having a nurse in the family! She and her husband, Matt, have two grown children. Our daughter, Bridget (co-owner of Cardinal Roofing), and her husband, Brian, also have two children who are in middle school and high school. Roger has five brothers with many of them and their children living in the metro Tampa area. My sister, Bridget (HHS Class of 1975) owns a townhome just south of Tampa so we see her often. With her primary residence in metro Atlanta, we spend time with her and her family when we are in N. Georgia. We are fortunate to have a lot of family connections in our daily lives.



Roger and Debbie with grandkids David, Carson, Brooke, and Brogan

Could you trace the path from high school graduation to what you are doing now?



Debbie and Roger in October 1973

Shortly out of high school Roger and I were married. I moved to Berlin, Germany to join him where he was stationed in the U.S. Army. From there we moved to Fort Riley, Kansas while he finished his military duty and then on to the Tampa Bay area. The early years in Florida I was home

with our children and then worked as a travel agent before deciding to join the U.S. Postal Service. I retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2014.

Tell us about your career with the US Postal Service.

When I started with the Postal Service, I was an LSM operator which was fast-moving and required quick action. Eventually, I was able to become a letter carrier and work right in my home community. I delivered mail to both personal residences and businesses and drove the little mail truck all over Valrico. Those mail trucks were not air-conditioned so it took special resilience to get through the Florida summers. I really enjoyed serving in this role. Many of the residents were senior citizens and often I was the only person they saw each day outside of their homes. They knew my name and I got to know many of them personally over the years. Some have become valued friends. And, yes, in my role as a letter carrier, I was bitten by a dog—twice—not the same dog and painful both times.



Debbie at the Post Office with granddaughter Brooke (dressed for Halloween)

Were there any particular teachers or experiences at Hobart that influenced your choice of a career?

I really loved Ms. Freidrich. She taught English and told me I was a talented writer. When I wrote an essay about my grandpa, she told me he sounded like a delightful man. She was right!

Do you have any advice for students planning on a career in the civil service?

If you choose a career in civil service, pursue an area where you will want to make a difference and will be happy to go to work every day. While serving as a letter carrier, I realized that getting mail is a connection to the world for many people.

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I got such satisfaction out of delivering birthday cards, videos of grandchildren, special gifts and more. Those human connections made a difference in my life and I believe in the lives of those I served. Whatever you do, do it with pride and determination.



Debbie and Bridget on the Isle of Guernsey in the English Channel.

HHS Alumni Association Board

The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The current members of the Board of Directors (as of May 20, 2022) are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970	President
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 Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971

Class Reunion Roundup

Please send reunion information to us at info@hobartalumni.org. Updates are posted on our website, at: <https://www.hobartalumni.org/ClassReunions.htm>. These events are listed in order of their occurrence.



CLASS of 1958 65th YEAR REUNION (September 23, 2023):

The Class of 1958 will hold its 65-year reunion on Saturday, **September 23, 2023**. We will have our dinner at the Paragon restaurant in Hobart starting at 4:00 PM. A fixed menu (about \$22) will be served; head count needed by August 22nd. A night-before reunion get-together will be Friday, September 22 at 5:00 pm at the Paragon. Contact Lyle Hatten at 760-941-4606 for all reunion info.

CLASS of 1963 60th YEAR REUNION (October 6-7, 2023):

The Class of 1963 will hold its 60th reunion on Friday and Saturday, **October 6th and 7th, 2023**. Contact Sue Helm for information at 219-926-3935 or craftnscrap@gmail.com.

CLASS of 1974 50th YEAR REUNION (August 17, 2024):

The Class of 1974 will hold its 50th year reunion on Saturday, **August 17, 2024**. There will be a get-together at the Hobart Lakefront Festival Park Festival on Friday, August 16 and Sunday, August 18, 2024. Contact Martha Fick Osten for more information at marketingmartha@comcast.net.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

Classes of 1952 and 1953: The classes of 1952 and 1953 are having breakfast the second Thursday of each month at the Paragon at 8:30. Any questions, call Marlene (Baier) Krawcyk (Class of 1952) 219-942-6301, or Martha (Jordan) Nichols (Class of 1953) 219-942-3062.

Class of 1958: The Class of 1958 is having their luncheon the third Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

Class of 1960: The Class of 1960 is having their luncheon the second Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Linda (Quinlan) Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

Class of 1970: The Class of 1970 meets for breakfast at 10:00 am, usually on the third Saturday of the month. Check our Facebook page for the location: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/110625168719>, or check on the HHSAA website during the week leading up to the third Saturday.

Our Newest Supporters

NEW MEMBERS:

Bruce Tisdale (1968)

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

Dress Codes

From Lyle Hatten, Class of 1958: Back in the 1950s, Hobart High School had a dress code. For girls, they could not wear jeans, slacks, or shorts...only dresses or skirts. Some girls would forget and were sent home to change. Once or twice a year, girls would have a special day in which they could wear jeans, slacks, or shorts.

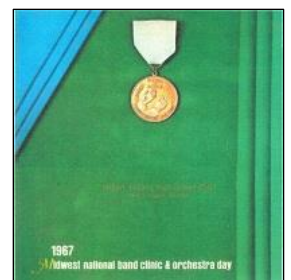
The boys' dress code was different. They could wear jeans or trousers but also had to use a belt properly. Any boy without a belt would be sent home to get one or have somebody bring him a belt to school. Also, boys were not allowed to have long hair. Many boys would be sent to a barber shop for a haircut, and some boys, upon return to school had to go back to the shop for another haircut. Russ Deal, who was the Dean of Boys, kept this procedure.

Since the 1950's, things have changed. Is there a dress code now? What is it? Please email Paul Addison at paul@hobartalumni.org.

Field Trips

From Paul Addison, Class of 1970: Did any of you go on field trips while you were in high school (or earlier)? I've been playing in bands ever since junior high school, and still one of my greatest memories is traveling to Chicago to play in the Midwest Band Clinic in December of 1967. We had been practicing for that concert ever since band camp the previous summer.

What field trips do you remember? Please email me at paul@hobartalumni.org.



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Recent Obituaries (since our July 2023 newsletter; in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

SEPTEMBER 2023:

[George Wheeler, Class of 1966](#)

AUGUST 2023:

[Gladys Harney Ross, Class of 1940](#)

[Bob Gleason, Class of 1969](#)

[Kenneth \(Ken\) Nibbe, Class of 1960](#)

[Joyce Wroblewski Benton, Class of 1956](#)

JULY 2023:

[Linda Pendleton, Class of 1963](#)

[Richard Harold McCasland, Class of 1963](#)

[Jon Griffiths, Class of 1956](#)

[Kenneth \(Ken\) Karwowski, Class of 1980](#)

[Nicholas Yoder, Class of 2005](#)

[George Alan Vedope, Class of 1986](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED:

JUNE 2023:

[Daniel \(Dan\) Hensley, Class of 1988](#)

DECEMBER 2021:

[Steven \(Steve\) Snow, Class of 1974](#)

[Marilynn \(Marilyn\) Prage Hampton, Class of 1952](#)

OCTOBER 2021:

[Rosinda Velez, Class of 2004](#)

DECEMBER 2019:

[Monica Talley Nibbe, Class of 1961](#)

AUGUST 2018:

[Josephine Prusinski Peek, Class of 1942](#)

OCTOBER 2017:

[Everett Swynenberg, Class of 1948](#)

FEBRUARY 2017:

[Dorian Sobat, Class of 1946](#)

MAY 2016:

[Ella Hinchley Brechner, Class of 1941](#)

AUGUST 2015:

[Jozella Cronch Cain, Class of 1949](#)

APRIL 2015:

[Marion "Marlin" Pope Gauder, Class of 1944](#)

2013 (MONTH UNKNOWN):

[Edward Garber, Class of 1941](#)

NOVEMBER 2010:

[Phyllis Hansell Sturgis, Class of 1944](#)

JUNE 2010:

[Dorothy Dankert Wolff, Class of 1950](#)

MAY 2010:

[Alice Novotny Karel, Class of 1950](#)

MARCH 2010:

[Wilma Robb Knopic, Class of 1947](#)

[Helen Louise Picon Green, Class of 1953](#)

JANUARY 2010:

[James \(Jim\) Kristoff, Teacher](#)

Tips For Finding Obituaries on Our Website

IN CLASSMATE PROFILES: Click SEARCH and type the name of the person. First and last name is the quickest, but just the last name will bring up all matches. You can search under maiden name or married name. Then, click on the link and you will go to that person's memorial page.

IN RECENT OBITUARIES: Links are listed by month, most recent month first. Although we say "Recent", listings go all the way back to the beginning of the year the HHS Alumni Association was formed, 2010.

- 1) If you know the month the person was deceased, scroll down to that month and look for the person's name and class. Click on the link and you will go to that person's memorial page.
- 2) You can also search for the person's name on the Recent Obituaries page by pressing CTRL-F on a PC or CMD-F on a Mac computer. You will go to the first instance that matches what you type, and there will be a down arrow or a NEXT button to find the next instance. Click on the link and you will go to that person's memorial page.



Membership Application Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Membership is \$10 per year per person, or \$100 per person for a Life Membership
(proceeds go towards student scholarships and teacher grants)

Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____ Scholarship donation only ____

If membership, check one: 1-year membership (\$10) ____ Lifetime membership (\$100) ____

First Name _____

Last Name (in high school) _____

Married Last Name _____

Your class graduating year at HHS _____

(Renewing members only need to fill out the following if anything has changed)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"

Thank you for your support!

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