

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Gail (Ainsworth) Nowell**

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West Palm Beach, FL

Spouse/Partner: Dale

Children: Tristie and Trent

Employer: retired

Email: [jggail@comcast.net](mailto:jggail@comcast.net)

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After graduation, I went to MSCW. During my junior and senior in high school I dated Dale Nowell, Class of 1960, off and on. Dale was at Miss. State University. Dale and I got married in 1963 after my freshman year and finished college together. I taught elementary school for nine years which I absolutely loved. We lived in 9 states during Dale's career with his company. During these years, we traveled to Hawaii and Europe many times with his company. It was a wonderful experience. Throughout the years, I was a volunteer teacher, did Meals on Wheels for my Church and established volunteer programs for retired people in the elementary schools in every place I lived. We have 2 lovely children, Tristie and Trent. Tristie Lives Ashburn, VA. and Trent lives in Charleston, S.C. When Dale retired, we moved to West Palm Beach, FL. We are avid golfers and we love the weather and the area.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Robert Arnold**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Edwina (Baldwin) Barber**

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Jackson, TN

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: ebarber@eplus.net

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**EDWINA (BALDWIN) Barber**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email: ebarber@lus.net

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Edwina (Baldwin) Barber**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email: Ebarber@eplus.net

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Mary (Bankston) Sanders**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Karen (Barbo) Dykes**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Frankie (Barnett) Hankin**

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Bridge City, TX

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Shirley Barton**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Robert Bartran**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **James Bemis**

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Grapevine, TX

Spouse/Partner: Mary Jane Bemis

Children: Shawn, Steven

Employer: Reired - Federal Aviation Administration

Email: jimbobemis@hotmail.com

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I was born in Laurel but my father was in the Air Force and was stationed on the west coast when I was a year old. I spent my childhood in California and Washington State. When he retired, we moved back to Mississippi just before my junior year of high school. I was sort of a fish out of water until I found the Thespian club. I have many fond memories there. After high school, I attended and graduated from, Jones County Junior College (JCJC). While there, I worked for the local news paper, the Laurel Leader Call, in their circulation department. I attended the University Southern Mississippi and then I decided to take a semester off. While out of school, I was notified to report for a physical to be drafted into the Army. Due to a stomach ulcer they sent me home. I then volunteered for the Air Force. I became an electronics technician and was stationed at Cape Canaveral Florida. This allowed me the opportunity to see and participate in the space program up close. When the program I was attached to was complete, I was transferred to Albuquerque, New Mexico. There I worked various projects developing new weapons for aircraft. It was extremely interesting work. During this time I was single and enjoyed various interests such as sports cars, sailboats and building dune buggies. I gave all that up when I met Mary Jane Conway, now my wife of 36 years. We have two boys; one is an accountant and the other a teacher. There are no grand children and no plans for any. I left the air force in 1978 and with encouragement from Mary Jane, I went back to school and obtained a bachelors degree in business from the University of Albuquerque. In 1980 we moved to the Dallas area for jobs. I was hired by the Federal Government as a contracting officer. My territory was all of New Mexico and half of Texas. I retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in 2000. We enjoy spending summers in Albuquerque and winters in Texas.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Chet Bergalowski**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Linda Hanberry

Children: Sheri (1970), Amy (1972),  
Peyton (1976) - six grandchildren

Employer: Jones County School  
District - South Jones High School

Email: [clberg1@comcast.net](mailto:clberg1@comcast.net)

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Kenny Biglane**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Marilyn Blackledge

Children: Dana , Peter, Casey

Employer: Retired

Email: [kribiglane@bellsouth.net](mailto:krbiglane@bellsouth.net)

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After high school, I attended JCJC and USM majoring in business. I married Marilyn Blackledge, and we have three children and seven grandchildren....all wonderful! After spending over 30 years as a petroleum landman in the oil and gas industry, I retired in March 2010 from Denbury Resources Inc. where I was land supervisor for East Mississippi and Alabama for the last six-plus years of my career. I play lots of golf and also enjoy woodworking, restoring our old home, cooking and travel. I have really great memories of Gardiner High School, especially friends, sports, walking in the park, geometry with Mrs. Goodgame, English with Miss Satterfield and Legion Hut dances. We really had a great high school!

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Marlene (Bilek) Taheny

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South Barrington, IL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Dovie (Bishop) Pattison**

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Sevierville, TN

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Merrilyn (Bishop) Sciortino

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Covington, LA

Spouse/Partner: Joe

Children: Jodi, Joseph, Angie,  
Jennifer

Employer:

Email: sciortinom@bellsouth.net

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After High School Graduation, I met Joe while attending USM. We married after his college graduation and moved to his home town, New Orleans. Joe and I have 4 children, 2 sons-in-law and 1 daughter-in-law, 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. We have enjoyed the good life. All of our children and grandchildren are happy and healthy. Our daughter Jodi graduated from SLU and teaches elementary school. Our son Joe graduated Loyola University in communications and is GM at WDAMTV in Hattiesburg, MS. Our third child Angie graduated from LSU Dental School and is a dental hygienist in Mandeville. Our youngest daughter Jennifer graduated from USM and received her master's in Opera at the University of Maryland. After 44 years in banking, Joe retired. We live near our daughters in Covington, LA. Besides Joe, our children, and our grandchildren, I enjoy reading, golf and painting as my pasttime. We belong to St. Anselm Catholic Church in Madisonville and keep busy going to events and sports with our grandchildren. I look back on my time in Laurel with nothing but fond memories. With bittersweetness I think of my parents and sister Kay, who have passed. Laurel was a good "Mayberry, USA" to grow up as a child and young adult. I do appreciate my education in Laurel schools, and treasure my old friendships. I'm excited about our "50th Reunion". See you there.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Marilyn (Blackledge) Biglane

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Kenneth

Children: Dana (1965), Peter (1970), Kendall (1977)

Employer: Retired

Email: [krbiglane@bellsouth.net](mailto:krbiglane@bellsouth.net)

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After LHS, I attended MSCW for two years then transferred to USM. I married Kenny (my high school sweetheart) in 1964 and received a BA in French from USM. (Miss Mobberly and Miss Polk really had an impact!) I had a various career working as a newspaper editor and teaching French between periods of staying home with children and doing community and volunteer work. I've loved all of it and feel blessed to have crossed paths with so many people who have enriched my life. All three of our children are Ole Miss alums and two of them met their spouses there. We have seven wonderful grandchildren, four girls and three boys, who I encourage with every breath to study French! Since retirement, I have been doing for adults what I did with my high school French students for many years - taking trips to France! It's less stressful, for sure! As I've lived in Laurel since college, grew up across the street from Gardiner, and even taught at Gardiner a few years, I have had plenty of opportunity to walk in our fantastic Gardiner Park. It's still beautiful, I assure you. What I most look forward to is seeing you all again and talking about those wonderful days! And I can't wait!

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Edward Boone**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Cherie Hammond Boone

Children: Greg, Jeanie

Employer: self

Email: [weboone@c-gate.net](mailto:weboone@c-gate.net)

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After graduating from LHS, I went to Millsaps College for a year before transferring to Mississippi State. I received a degree in marketing in 1967, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, having gone through the ROTC program. I was also in the band where I met Cherie (Hammond) from Greenwood. We were married in December, 1967, and moved to El Paso, TX, where I attended officer basic training, then to the Republic of Panama, where I served for two years in the Panama Canal Zone. We returned to MSU for graduate school in 1970, and moved back to Laurel in 1974. At that time, I joined my parents' real estate business which they started in the early 1950s. I have been in the real estate appraisal business in Laurel for 38 years. I remained in the Army Reserves, was called to an additional year of active duty during Operation Desert Storm, and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1993. We have two children...Greg (38) and his wife, Jenny, live in Tucker, GA, and have our only grandson, Sutton, who is 7. Jeanie (36) lives in Birmingham and is a teacher. Cherie taught in the Laurel School District until her retirement in 2007. We are members of First United Methodist Church and are active in the choir, and are also active in the Laurel Little Theatre both on stage and on the board. I have been actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America since the 1970s serving locally as Scoutmaster and serving with the Order of the Arrow at the local and national levels.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Carol (Bounds) Tillery

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children: Alicia Tillery Dunlap (1967)  
, Ellen Tillery Morrow (1970)

Employer: City of Laurel

Email: [carolbtillery@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolbtillery@bellsouth.net)

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Divorced after 32 years of marriage, with my children grown and married, and faced with an "empty nest," I began my career at the tender age of 52. My career path was dictated by my Laurel "roots" not by education or training. Susan Boone Vincent was Mayor of Laurel at the time that I was trying to decide what to do with the rest of my life, and she, as a former bridge and garden club friend, asked if I would "just try" the job of Administrative Assistant to the Mayor for the "next couple of years" until her term in office was completed. That was 13 years ago, and I am still here in the Mayor's office, enjoying every minute of it. (It was rather late in life that I realized that somewhere deep inside me was a "career woman" just wanting to get out). My mother is still living quite independently in her home, so I choose to stay in Laurel rather than moving to Memphis with both my "girls" and their families, so that Mom and I can take care of each other. With the exception of three years in New Orleans and two years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I have lived right here in Laurel, so I'm not sure I would be happy living anywhere else. I have done nothing spectacular - except for having two fantastic daughters who have given me two unbelievable sons-in-law and five grandchildren who have been the light of my life. Life is good, and I am very thankful.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Sandra (Bowman) Colston**

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Ridgeland, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children: Brandi (1966), Chris (1969), Steven (1982) Grandkiddies - Kaylee, Camryn, John, Eric, & Lily

Employer: First Bank

Email: scolston@hotmail.com

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My parents moved to Alabama after senior year, and hadn't returned to Laurel much since then. Have been in Jackson area most of the time. Really miss seeing Laurel friends and enjoyed reunion muchly. Married numerous times and have three wonderful children and five grandchildren. Spend most of my time hanging with them. Continue to work (banking and savings & loan business FOREVER)with boss of over 20 years at First Bank, a commercial loan office. Can't imagine being retired, well actually, can't imagine being POOR. Hope to last another two years, job's too good to vacate for sitting on my bottie at home. Look forward to the next reunion!

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Ethel (Brannon) Nicholson**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Mickey Breazeale**

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Smyrna, GA

Spouse/Partner: June

Children: Laina, 30 married to Chad

Employer: Smyrna Animal Hospital

Email: big.dog@charter.net

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Grad H. S. 1962 Grad Miss. State Univ. 1968 - played football - was school mascot in last year Began work with emotionally disturbed teenage boys until 1980. Indoor and outdoor programs. Got Married. Entered Chiropractic school in 1983. Divorce 1983. Graduated 1991: Began teaching in Life College of Chiropractic until 2002. School downsized, etc. Remarried 1995. Began work for Smyrna Animal Hospital in 2007 to present.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**John Bridges**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: divorced after 23 yrs

Children: Chris & Colleen & 4  
wonderful grand children

Employer: retired bellsouth 29 feb  
2000 retired air natl guard nov 2003

Email: jtb65@att.net

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love to look for indian artifacts & diamonds

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Brenda (Britton) Scafadi**

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Jackson, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Clara (Brown) Jackson**

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Fairhope, AL

Spouse/Partner: Deceased

Children: Lee, and Kellee

Employer: Retired

Email: yakityjax@gmail.com

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**David Busby**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Dianne (Bustin) Nowell**

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Ardmore, OK

Spouse/Partner: Ed Nowell

Children: Eric(47)/Michele,  
Mark(46)/Missy, Scott(40  
)/Robin-G'children - Courtney,  
Cameron, Danielle, Brandon, Blake,  
Taylor

Employer: Self

Email: nowells@brightok.net

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Shortly after graduation I married and was able to live in some great states, Wyo., Utah, La. and Texas. Along the way we had three sons. I spent several yrs. after the boys were in school working for an oil field supply company as a secretary/ receptionist. I am a 30 yr. plus cancer survivor. I enjoy traveling, reading, and I am very involved in my church. I still do alot of bleacher sitting watching my grandsons play different sports. We own our own business in Sulphur, Ok.(Kerr Pumps and FlowVale) We have lived in Ardmore almost 15 yrs. but we still support the college our sons graduated from, Texas Tech. Go Red Raiders.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Sandra (Caldwell) Pearson**

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Charlotte, N.C.

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Lee Carr, Col.**

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Jackson, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Anne Carter**

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Greenwood, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Sarah (Case) Holifield

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Fayetteville, AR

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: centralhoq@aol.com

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Mary (Childers) Brewer**

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Moss Point, MS

Spouse/Partner: Glyn

Children: Kim (1966), Bryan (1969),  
Brad (1981) 6 wonderful  
grandchildren

Employer: Retired

Email: [mnbrewer@bellsouth.net](mailto:mnbrewer@bellsouth.net)

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Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Ann (Clark) Kirkland**

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Mobile, AL

Spouse/Partner: Harold Kirkland

Children: Carrie (1967), Melissa (1969), Jennifer (1976)

Employer: Retired

Email: eackirk@aol.com

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After graduating from Jones Junior College, I married Harold Kirkland, my high school sweetheart. We moved to Mississippi State for Harold to complete his college education. After graduation, we moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi living there six years. While there we had two daughters. In 1972 we moved to Mobile, Alabama and had our third daughter. We have been very fortunate to stay in Mobile raising our family. All three girls married Mobilians. Carrie is a CPA, Melissa a Publisher and Jennifer a Second Grade School Teacher. We have six grandchildren all living in Mobile. I have loved being a grandmother, living in the same town and being able to go to their activities. Harold is retired and we stay very busy traveling and being grandparents. Comments by Ann - The highlight of my memories of LSH would be the band trip to Miami during my 10th grade. Had lots of fun being with other band members, taking in the sights of Miami, marching in the parade and traveling days getting there and back. We had fun chaperones and a great band director, Billy Bufkin.

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Clayton Clements**

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VanCleave, MS

Spouse/Partner: Kathy Ingram  
Clements

Children: Michelle Gardner(1970),  
Leigh Frazier(1972), Lowell  
Clements(1977), Amanda  
Swanson(1980)

Employer: retired

Email: [claytonclem@cablone.net](mailto:claytonclem@cablone.net)

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Scott Coffield, Dr.**

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Temple, TX

Spouse/Partner: Jamie Kay Murdock

Children: Robert Brian 1978,  
Rebekah Kathryn 1982; grandsons 2

Employer: Scott and White Clinic

Email: [coffield@hot.rr.com](mailto:coffield@hot.rr.com)

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Jamie and I married after college at USM and Millsaps. We lived in Memphis, Tenn for a year while I was in graduate school and she was teaching in elementary school. We finished medical school at Ole Miss in 1971 and went to Dallas, Tx for two years of surgical training and returned to Jackson for completion of urological residency in 1976. We then served two years at Fort Polk, La. in the US Army before moving to Dallas, Tx to enter practice in a group at Baylor University Medical Center. Our son Brian arrived in 1978 shortly after settling in Dallas. We moved to Temple, Tx and joined Scott and White Clinic in 1980-1. Our daughter Kate arrived in 1982. We have been in Temple for 32 years. Jamie and I have been greatly blessed by our time in Laurel at GSG High School. The people and relationships remain alive in our minds and hearts as we anticipate returning to the 50 year reunion.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Woody Collins**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Donava

Children: Brady and Woody, III

Employer: retired from South Central Bell

Email: [avanod1952@hotmail.com](mailto:avanod1952@hotmail.com)

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USM grad in Psychology in 1969. US Air Force 1969 - 1972. First married Mary Lynn Lewis and had one child Brady, an Attorney in Boulder, Co. Two grandchildren. Married to Donava Smith, RN. We have one child, Woody, the third, who is a PFC, US Army, stationed in Hawaii. I am retired/disabled (legally blind from a motorcycle accident) from AT & T. Hobbies include Antique Cars, travel, listening to books, especially about Egyptian History.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Arlette (Conlee) Gaddy**

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Jackson, MS.

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [cajuntiger77@yahoo.com](mailto:cajuntiger77@yahoo.com)

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Claudia (Conway) Holifield**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Bill Cook**

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Hattiesburg, ms

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Daryl Cooper**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Marcia (Cooper) Grayson**

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Wimberly, TX

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Ricky Craft**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Chester Craig, Jr.**



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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Randy Crumbley**

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Oxford, MS

Spouse/Partner: Kathy

Children: son Jeff (1974); daughter Stacy (1975) - grandson Graycen (2003); granddaughter Natalie (2008); granddaughter Piper (2009)

Employer: Retired from Eastman Kodak 1/1/1997

Email:  
[cookiecrumbley@bellsouth.net](mailto:cookiecrumbley@bellsouth.net)

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Graduated Ole Miss 1966 with B.A. in Mathematics. Employed by Marketing Division of I.B.M. Corp from 1966 through 1988 (22 yrs); then Marketing Division of Eastman Kodak Corp 1988 through 1996 (8 1/2 yrs.). Worked in Jackson and Nashville before settling in St. Louis 1968 through 1975, where I met and married my wife, Kathy in 1969. Relocated to Vicksburg, MS with Kathy, son Jeff, and daughter Stacy in 1975. Senior Representative of Kodak Marketing in MS from 1988 until retirement on January 1, 1997. Relocated to Oxford with Kathy in June 2000. Besides two Ole Miss grads for children, we have two granddaughters, ages 3 and 4 1/2; and one grandson, age 9. My hobbies include: hunting, fishing, golf, Ole Miss sports, travel and good food. Additional comments: 'Birdlegs' says - Home room with Mrs. Bailey was a "hoot". I think I might have been a challenge. Math taught by Mrs. Alexander was very special. I never forgot what she taught me. Playing football for Barney, Milton and Hal was an experience to never be forgotten. Being a part of the '61 -'62 Golden Tornadoes created memories that last a lifetime. What a special group, at a special time, at a special place. It was kind of like the movie "Remember The Titans". And, most importantly: the very special group of students (all grades) that attended George S. Gardiner in the school year 1961 - 1962. We were all blessed to be a part of this last Gardiner Class.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Ellen (Curtin) Wong**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email: [grits1944@comcast.net](mailto:grits1944@comcast.net)

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Lynn (Curtis) Taylor**

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Montgomery, AL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Dr. Watts Davis**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Martha Rogers

Children: Meredith, Evan

Employer: Eye Care Associates

Email: marfarmdavis@gmail.com

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I attended JCJC before graduating from Southern College of Optometry. I married Martha Rogers and moved to Monticello,MS where I opened an optometric practice and Martha taught school. In 1970 we returned to Laurel and I became partners with Dr. James Moyer in Eye Care Associates, We bought a house with a little land in Calhoun Community where we raised horses and two children.-our daughter Merideth and our son, Evan. My career has always been more a joy than a job. Now our son, Evan has graduated from Southern College of Optometry and has joined me in practice at Eye Care Associates which fulfills dreams and makes my job complete.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**James Davis, III**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Shannon (Dean) Harris

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Marietta, GA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: shanharris36@yahoo.com

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After graduation I attended Jones Co. Junior College for two years, worked briefly in Mobile, Al and then became an Airline Stewardess for United Airlines. I flew with them for five years, being based in Washington, DC and Miami, Fl, before becoming an instructor in Chicago. I returned to flying in Washington, DC where I met and married my husband, Chet and his four children, Jeff (10), Kari (8), Randy (7) and Tim (5). The following year we welcomed our daughter Tari to the family. For the next several years I was busy being a wife and mother. In the early 80's I returned to college and received a degree in Management from the U. of Maryland. I went to work for McConnell Douglas Information Systems Co. as a Regional Administrator, which was very interesting, especially the duties dealing with national security. My husband has been dead for a number of years and the children are scattered throughout the East Coast, but I manage to keep up with them and the 18 grandkids via Facebook. I have never lost my love of travel and am privileged to have been able to have to have traveled throughout Europe, South America, Asia and the United States. I live in Marietta, Ga. near Kennesaw Mountain, site of the historic battle during the Civil War. I am active in Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society and am a docent at the Root House and Gardens (c. 1845). I still enjoy sewing and have made several period style dresses worn at the museum. I am so excited to be able to attend the "50th" and look forward to seeing everyone!!

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Jefferson Fagan**

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Pascagoula, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Bryna (Fine) Bell**

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Potomac, MD

Spouse/Partner: Fred

Children: Doug (41), Blaine (38)

Employer: Ornamentswithlove.com  
President and Owner

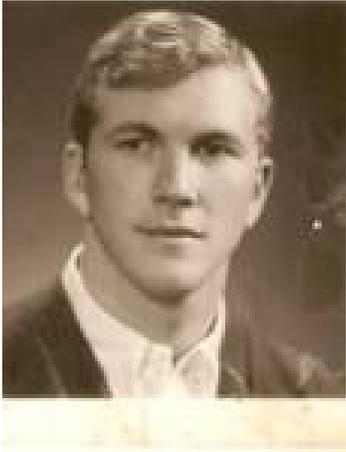
Email: bell\_bryna@yahoo.com

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Although I did not graduate LHS I thank everyone for considering me a member of the class. My love for Laurel and my friends continued as I graduated from Holton-Arms in Wash, DC. After high school I spent 4 years at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass. My parents moved to Wash, DC in 1965 so after graduation I returned to DC and taught 5th grade in the Maryland suburbs. Shortly after that I met my husband, Fred, who is a full-fledged Washingtonian (you don't find too many of those). We raised our 2 sons in Potomac, Md., 25 minutes from downtown D.C. Throughout the years I was a teacher, a tour guide at the Smithsonian and the Kennedy Center and a volunteer for various organizations. For the last 18 years I have had my own business, selling personalized Christmas ornaments, 1st in kiosks in local malls and now, only on the internet at ornamentswithlove.com. I love the business and have no plans for retirement! In our off months we keep busy with travel and I love gardening, bridge and reading. Life is Good! My favorite memory of our high school years was riding around and checking to see who was hanging out at Dairy Queen. Getting through Algebra with Mrs. Goodgame was quite a challenge! Sophomore year 5th period study hall was always a challenge not to talk. I remember the coach with his paddle! Songs - Johnny Mathis, The Coasters, Chubby Checker. Loved the parties at the Legion Hut.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Rocky Fleming**

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Bella Vista, AR

Spouse/Partner: Sallie

Children: Mollie, Gorden, Joanna

Employer: Influencers

Email: [rfleming@influencers.org](mailto:rfleming@influencers.org)

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After 1962 with LHS I had one year in prep school at Columbia Military Academy before attending Ole Miss to play football and baseball, and as well earn a BS Degree in Education. After Ole Miss I joined the NFL with the St Louis Football Cardinals as a defensive back. My career ended quickly due to injuries. In 1968 I married my college sweetheart, and entered the insurance business until 2003. Sallie and I have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. In 2003 I founded a non-profit discipleship ministry called Influencers, ( [www.influencers.org](http://www.influencers.org) ) and moved into a new career as its CEO. Along with this, I also became a writer of books that emphasize a deeper walk with Christ. I have written 3 published books and a year long discipleship curriculum. My books and the curriculum have been translated in 5 languages and are published and used by missionaries in Egypt, Germany, Africa, Brazil and many regions of South America. The books are also being used by many Christian businessmen and churches for their small group discipleship efforts in the USA. Recently, several prisons have adopted our discipleship model for ministering to men in prisons, and a new frontier is unfolding in this area of need. Hobbies include: Golf, Kayaking, Fly-fishing, Family activities.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Emily (Flowers) Sumrall

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Gretna, LA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [emilysumrall@bellsouth.net](mailto:emilysumrall@bellsouth.net)

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Vicki Freeman**

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Bradenton, FL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [timsu@aol.com](mailto:timsu@aol.com)

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After graduating from High School in Laurel, I went to USM in Hattiesburg for one semester while waiting for my Aunt Helen to return from Europe on home leave. She worked for the State Department and was appointed to a new post every two or three years. This time she was assigned to the Embassy in Ankara, Turkey. So in December of 1962, I left the United States with my Aunt Helen and my Grandmother on a long journey to Turkey. We travelled by ocean liner, train, and smaller ships to finally arrive in the capital of Turkey after twenty-six days across the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, Italy, the Aegean, the Bosphorus and over vast plains to reach Ankara in the center of Turkey. I lived there for almost a year, and then went down to Beirut, Lebanon where there is a wonderful American University. I studied there for six years with people from all over the world. I had great teachers from different countries and graduated with a BA in English Lit. and an MA in Teaching English as a Foreign Language and Linguistics. I, then, lived in Helsinki, Finland for a year teaching English. Next move was down to the Caribbean where I lived on St. Martin for about five years. After that, I moved to New York City for two years. Came back to Hattiesburg for a while to be with my family. Went back to USM and got an MS degree in French. Then, went over to live in Paris, France for a marvelous year on an educational exchange program! During this time my parents moved to Florida where I returned in 1980 and have been here in Florida ever since working in banking, real estate, stock holder relations, and I have also done some teaching from time to time. Was married twice, no children, and living happily here in Florida. I continue to work. Have been with a real estate firm for the past three years.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Winna (Freeman) Seefeld

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Greenwood, MS

Spouse/Partner: Glenn Seefeld (LHS 1961)

Children: Walt (1967), Ashley (1976)

Employer: Greenwood District of the MS United Methodist Conference

Email: winna.seefeld@gmail.com

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Glenn and I met in Spanish class my junior year, spent a lot of time at PDI (didn't we all?!), dated while he was at State and married in 1965. He was drafted a year later and sent to Vietnam. So, I moved home to Laurel, and our son, Walt, was born during that year. Nine years later, after several moves in the forestry industry, we had a beautiful little girl, Ashley. Glenn entered the ministry in the United Methodist Church in 1983, and we moved to North Georgia where he received a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. God called him to ministry, and then he called me to be a "preacher's wife," a title for which I felt completely unworthy. We have served several churches in Georgia and Mississippi, and we've been at First United Methodist Church, Greenwood, MS, for eleven years. I work as Secretary to the United Methodist District Superintendent, whose office is in Greenwood. I also do web design and serve as a database consultant for the Mississippi United Methodist Conference. Our son Walt is a computer programmer in Memphis, and Ashley is a mental health therapist here in Greenwood. I've been blessed that my job allows me to pick up the two Greenwood grandchildren after school and enjoy them every day. We'll be glad to show everyone pictures of all three of our grandchildren at the Reunion. . . !

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Dickie Furr**

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Taylorsville, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Ronald Gilbert**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Karen (Grafton) Weeks

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Terry, MS

Spouse/Partner: John Weeks

Children: Michele, Mike, Al, Beth, Ronnie

Employer: Retired

Email: [jweeks78@bellsouth.net](mailto:jweeks78@bellsouth.net)

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After High School, went to work for Zurich Ins. Company in Jackson, Ms. worked there for 20 years, they purchased Farmers Ins. and at that time became the Marketing Mgr. for the State for Personal Lines until I retired in 2006. John and I will be married 35 years in Feb. We had his three children and my two from previous marriages. They were 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19. Out of this group we have 13 grandchildren ranging from age 4 months to 32 years. Needless to say there is never a dull moment, but life is good. November 27th we lost the oldest son Ronnie to liver cancer. He had surgery Nov. 16th and after he went home on Thanksgiving Day, he threw a blood clot and died but we know he is in a better place and will never have to suffer any more, so we are happy for that. Christmas will be sad this year but we take it day to day. I really look forward to seeing everyone in August 2012. All the plans sound good to me. Karen

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Terry Graham**

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New Port Richey, FL

Spouse/Partner: Athena

Children: Kadie (38) - stepchildren  
Shay (36), Sara (33), Ali (30)

Employer: retired School  
Teacher/Coach

Email: coach\_t\_05@yahoo.com

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Graduated from Southern Miss. Moved to Florida in 1967. Taught school in New Port Richey: Social Studies, economics, Am. History. Received a Masterd Degree in Education Administration from University of Tampa. Coached sports to middle school and high school athletes...football, basketball, baseball and golf. Married with one daughter, Kadie. Remarried in 1990 to Athena, adopted three step-daughters. We have seven grandchildren, 6 boys and 1 girl. Retired from teaching 8 years ago. Enjoy twice weekly golf and trips to our cabin in Reliance, Tennessee.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Ronald Graham, MD**

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Spouse/Partner: Charlie

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Children: Deborah Elaine, Tony Edward

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Employer: Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon

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Email: [ragrahamd@gmail.com](mailto:ragrahamd@gmail.com)

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After LHS, Georgia Tech-ME, IBM systems engineer, Univ. of Southern Ms. BA in Finance and Economics, Univ. of Southern Ms. MS in Economics, Back to Laurel in the family auto parts/industrial supply business. Left in 1975 to Univ. of Ms. Medical School, MD in 1979, Orthopaedic Surgery residency-UMC, UF Gainesville for tumor, Scottish Rite/Sheppard's Spine for pediatric, Johns Hopkins-total joint, Fellowship, orthopaedic trauma Ulm, West Germany. Private practice 1984 to present. Interests: forestry, aircraft, old cars, family. Currently flying a Russian military jet fighter.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Linda (Greene) Hillman

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Gautier, MS

Spouse/Partner: Former Spouse,  
Michael L. Hillman

Children: Michael and Monica

Employer: Allstate Agent - Retired

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After graduation, I worked as executive secretary to Mr. Bob, Joe Frank, and Dewey Sanderson at Sanderson Farms. In the fall of 1963 my friend, Betty Hurst encouraged me to enroll at Jones County Jr. College in Ellisville--which was probably the happiest years of my life. Mike and I married after our sophomore year at Jones. I went to work at Stennis Space Center in Picayune, Mississippi as secretary to 18 engineers (Mrs. Boyette had something to do with that). When Mike finished at USM, we moved to Gautier, MS. Our son, Michael, was born. It was the coldest day of the year. Ann Massey and Betty Sue came to Mobile for the Blessed Event and nearly froze to death. We moved to Pascagoula where Mike became a Sr. Subcontract Administrator for Ingalls Shipbuilding and I was a stay at home mom. Monica came along four years later. While the children were young, I taught kindergarten at our Church. As our children grew, I guess I felt the need to do something more and became a Realtor/Broker for Coldwell Banker Smith Homes. While working there, I sold a house to an Allstate Manager and he offered me a job as an insurance agent. After two years, I finally decided to join the Allstate Insurance Company--best decision I could have made. After 17 years, I retired and now looking for something new. My love for real estate led me to acquire too many properties that are now taking a toll on my retirement. But God is good and I know He will bring me out of this "financial crunch". My children have given me three of the most beautiful, smartest, sweetest grandchildren anyone could ask for--Austin 11, Audrey 8 and Murphy Rose 6--they are my heart. They visit the "YES" house at Gramma's! They can have anything and do whatever they want--well, within reason. My plan is to move to Orange Beach, Al. It's beautiful there and has all amenities that I love--pool, pier, walk to beach--really great place.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Robert Guy**

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Tyler, TX

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Milton Hamilton**

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New Philadelphia, OH

Spouse/Partner: Joanne Hamilton

Children: Melissa (1973), Jami (1975), Joe (1976)

Employer: Retired

Email: [milt\\_hamilton@msn.com](mailto:milt_hamilton@msn.com)

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Graduated from Mississippi State (BS), Central Michigan (MA), Creighton University (MPA) Served in the United States Air Force for 22 1/2 years. Retired as a Lt. Col. Worked for Logicon/Northrop Grumman as a system engineer for 10 years. Worked on B-52, B-1 and B-2 Bomber Projects. Project Management Consultant for 10 plus years. Joanne and I have been married for 41 years and have three children ( a daughter and two sons) and 9 grandchildren( 5 boys and 4 girls). The latest addition is twin boys born 25 May 12. We have retired to Joanne's home town (New Philadelphia, OH).

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Jerry Hancock**

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Franklin, TN

Spouse/Partner: Lorinda Wells

Children: Catherine Elizabeth (1972,  
Ashley Wilson (1979)

Employer: retired

Email: gwlwhancock@comcast.net

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There's not much to say since we are bared from anything "obscene, illegal, objectionable, pictures that defame, libel or infringe on the privacy". Other than that Mrs Lincoln, it was a lovely evening. Just realized this might not have spell check so that will help you remember me. It seems like most bios start with, "I graduated from high school". Well that was no small feat for me. I do mission work in Grundy County, Tn., which is the poorest county in Tn. They celebrate 8th grade graduation cause few if any ever make it through the 12th grade. I feel right at home with these folks. That's later in life. After graduation, Nona Mae and Stone decided Miss. College was just the place for their son so off I went. Other than really enjoying German, due to my interest in "Hogan's Heros" (I wondered what they were really saying), that just cost the folks a lot of money and I practiced hitch hiking a lot. I joined the crowd at JCJC next year. Living at home wasn't so bad since I was making my grades, working at Jones Auto Parts keeping their books, rebuilding engines, repairing lawn mowers and chain saws. These skills would ultimately be my basic training to something wonderful. Graduated and moved on to Southern Miss. The "Police Action" in South East Asia was raging at this time and I was receiving a draft notice every quarter. A trip to Jackson, pass the physical and back to school with a 2-S deferment. After 5 such trips, I quit college and joined the Marines. This time I failed the physical. Yes, the same one I had passed 5 times. Worked in the insane, dangerous oil fields for awhile. Only interrupted by work at Masonite when the Klan made Laurel it's own killing fields. Moved to Birmingham where I worked for Canada Dry. Met Lorinda on a blind date and married her less than a year later. Purely by grace, went to work at UAB Hospital where I joined a open heart surgery team. The H-L machine had to be built every day before surgery and I knew how to build complicated mechanical devices, I rose to the # 3 person in months. After 3 years, I went to Cincinnati and started a new program at Christ Hospital. We went from 0 cases to 1,000 in the 10 years I was there. In 1979, I got the opportunity to come to Nashville and join the heart program at St. Thomas Hospital. Their caseload was growing so rapidly, I started a school of perfusion to train staff just to keep up. We peeked at over 3,000 heart cases a year, and I had 14 partners in a corporation I formed to supply service. As with most success stories, the two girls we had grew up with most everything except a father. I received a unique blessing 12 years ago. I had open heart surgery. No more long days working, no triathlons, no marathons, no more pushing. I turned the company over to my partners and started practicing retirement. A month gone with no contact from work, a month in Italy, another in China, Mexico in February, all practicing for a new beginning. The retirement train arrived in the station 2 years ago. Now I play golf 4 days a week, lead the environmental ministry in our Episcopal church, perform mission work in East Tn. work with the homeless in Nashville and those on the margins in my home town of Franklin. My field of study is the first 500 years A.D., a very dynamic period. Oh yes, remember the hot rods, I drive a Prius and a 10 year old Honda Accord and think it's sexy. Surely I have crossed over the abyss.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**John, Dr. Harper**

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Taylorsville,

Spouse/Partner: Margie

Children: David; Mary Margaret

Employer: Magee Hospital

Email: [jmmharper40@hotmail.com](mailto:jmmharper40@hotmail.com)

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Since graduating from GSG I graduated from Millsaps College. I graduated from University Medical Center. I interned at Confederate Memorial Medical Center in Shreveport, LA. While interning I married the love of my life Margie. We will celebrate our 43rd anniversary in December 2013. We have two children, David and Mary Margaret. We have four grandchildren who we love to spoil. I have practiced in Taylorsville, MS. for the past 43 yrs. July 1st, 2011, I sold my clinic to Magee Hospital. I practiced three days a week until June 30, 2014 when I officially retired. We love to travel and plan on catching up. We have two tree farms in Jones Co. and enjoy keeping them up. We have the only two Stewardship certified farms in our 12 county district. We were named Outstanding Tree Farmers of our district in 2004 and 2011.

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Patty (Hart) Smith**

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Austell, GA

Spouse/Partner: deceased

Children: Brad Threatt (1971), Paul Threatt (1973)

Employer: Retired teacher

Email: [puzzlepatty@gmail.com](mailto:puzzlepatty@gmail.com)

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After graduation from MSCW in 1966, I married John Threatt, from Meridian, MS. Our wedding took place in Grove City, OH, where my parents were living at the time. I had obtained a job teaching in Monterey, California, before graduation; so we drove west on our honeymoon. I taught on Fort Ord and we lived in Monterey. We were in the area when our first son, Brad, was born. We moved to Pascagoula, MS. I was a stay-at-home mom following the birth of our second son, Paul, in 1973. We moved to Rock Hill, SC, in 1979, I was hired to teach in York, SC, as soon as the boys started school. I taught middle school in York until 1986, when the boys and I left Rock Hill, and I became a single mom and teacher in Irmo, SC, near Columbia. I taught in Lexington District 3, Batesburg-Leesville, for the last 13 years of my teaching career. I was lead teacher and director of the District Alternative School for middle school students who had been expelled from regular school or were in trouble with the law. Son Brad, was an honor graduate at Irmo High and went on to Cal Tech in Pasadena. He works for Google and lives in Santa Monica, CA. Paul attended Savannah College of Art and Design, and is a graphic designer. He is married and has two sons of his own, in Roswell, GA. Maddox is 10 and Flynn is 7. After my sons were in college, I met and married the love of my life, Ken Smith, from Charlotte, NC. We married in 1998. I retired from teaching in 2004, and we built a house in Bluffton, SC, near Hilton Head. Sadly, Ken passed away on Dec. 20, 2012, surrounded by family and at peace with the Lord. I will miss him and ever be grateful for the love we shared. In 1914 I moved to the Atlanta area near my son's family. I live in Presbyterian Village and am enjoying a wonderful active and rewarding life in this lovely community.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Gary Harvey**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Philip Hearn**

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Hattiesburg, MS

Spouse/Partner: Bren (deceased  
Oct. 11, 2014)

Children: Kathy (1970)

Employer: Retired

Email: philhearn@comcast.net

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I worked for 18 years as a newspaper reporter and editor, including 12 years with United Press International; 18 years as news director in the public relations office at the University of Southern Mississippi; four years as a research writer at Mississippi State University; 20 years in Mississippi National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve public affairs; am the author of one book, "Hurricane Camille: Monster Storm of the Gulf Coast," published by University Press of Mississippi in 2004; and am currently retired and living in Hattiesburg, Ms. My wife, Bren, passed away on October 11, 2014. One daughter, Kathy Hearn-Gates, resides near Terry, Ms. I grew up on Short 3rd Ave., a stone's throw away from Silas Gardiner Elementary School, where my education began, and have great childhood memories walking to double features at Laurel's five downtown "picture shows." My parents, Robert and Irma Hearn, both attended Gardiner High prior to their marriage in 1928. My two older sisters, Bobbie and Gay, also graduated from Gardiner High. My older brother, Fred, graduated from Southside High School in Memphis, Tn.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Jannis (Heptinstall) Baird

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [janbaird@pinebeltradio.com](mailto:janbaird@pinebeltradio.com)

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Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Terry Herrington**

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Hattiesburg, MS.

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [terryherrington@hotmail.com](mailto:terryherrington@hotmail.com)

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Rose (Hickner) Blackwell

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Ovett, MS

Spouse/Partner: Roger/deceased

Children: Melinda (1964), Davita (1966), Scott (1969)

Employer: Retired RN

Email: hickner1234@gmail.com

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Married Roger Blackwell (Ellisville High - 1962) on August 21, 1962. I have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Melinda m. Steve Drummund and lives in Soso, Ms. Daughter Britton is married to Gavin Bradshaw. Davito m. Kevin Buckner and lives in Idaho. Two chilren Dalton 17 and Brittany 14. Scott is divorced. He has two children - Leslie 19 and Lori 14 (see recent picture) I have had 3 jobs in my life. Gibsons. Telephone Company as an operator. Was on the board in Gulfport while Camille plowed through us. Very bad memories. Then I went back to college and graduated as a RN when I was 46 (yes! I was crazy). Worked on post surgery floor at SCRMC for 5 years. Then transferred to Comfort Care Home Health for 6 years. Retired at 52 to spend time with Roger and we had another 3 good years before he succumbed to lung cancer. I love to garden, not just flowers, but the whole 9 yards. I run my own tiller, I have a tractor, but my children don't want me to drive it. (since I drove the riding mower straight into the woods, but it was my first time!) My closest friends in school were: Carolyn, Linda, Martha, Dickie and Mary Nell, Winna, Glenn. My favorite teacher was Ms. Moberly in Spanish.

## Laurel High School

### Class of 1962

# Judith (Hicks) Murphy

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Brandon, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: judy.murphy20@yahoo.com

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After graduating from LSH I spent a short time in Nursing School before deciding that really wasn't my calling. I then graduated from Jones Jr. College where I re-met and married Glenn Murphy in 1965. Several months later "we" joined the U.S. Coast Guard (1966 - 1970), and I was a Medical Secretary at Mobile Infirmary. Our first son, Scott - now 43, was born in Mobile and our second son, Blake - now 41, was born in 1970 in Dallas, TX., where we moved after Glenn's discharge from the USCG. There Glenn entered his lifetime career in Insurance Management and I was a secretary at Anadite, Inc. After Glenn's company sent us on a fantastic trip to Switzerland in 1973, we moved to Jackson, MS. to be closer to our parents, and have thoroughly enjoyed all of these years being active with our church, our sons and their families, volunteering and travelling. In 1974, I started my small Daycare and Nursery School which I loved for 10 years. In 1986, I began a wonderful and challenging 18-year career as a Secretary at the University of MS. Medical Center in the Pediatric Cardiology Department, and retired in 2004. Glenn has now retired also, and our time is spent enjoying our children, who are Ole Miss graduates, and our three grandchildren, Josh 11, Cori 8 and Meghan 8 who keep us busy with all their sports and activities. Favorite Memories... One of my favorite memories at LSH was the wonderful trip with the Laurel High Band to Miami, Florida where we helped represent our state and city in the American Legion Parade...and, of course, all the fun that went along with it. Classmates: My favorite classmates were wonderful and touched every part of my life. My very closest friends was a super group of about 8 girls I could share laughter or tears with every day, "test the waters" with, and enjoy those trips to the Coast...and we still get together about once every year. Then there were those special friends in the Band who shared so many practices, trips to ballgames, freezing weather, songs and fun, always making sure everyone had their white shoe polish and Brasso especially during Band Competition. Teachers: Some of my favorite teachers were Ms. Satterfield in Latin, Ms. Bailey in Biology, Bill Bufkin who was a great Band Director and, of course, Coach Barney Poole who gave us all such pride in our school and special memories as he led us to the Big Eight Championship. Favorite Songs in High School: Some of my favorites were: Where the Boys Are by Connie Francis, I Can't Stop Loving You by Ray Charles, The Twist by Chubby Checker, Moom River by Henry Mancini and A Summer Place by Percy Faith. THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE "Dear Old LHS" OR THE CLASS OF 1962!!

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Grady Hinton**

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Satsuma, AL

Spouse/Partner: Mabel Hinton

Children: Alan (1974) Brian (1974)  
Jeffrey (1979) Amy (1981)

Employer: Retired Dec. 31, 2011

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Summer 62 to summer 65 US Army Intelligence (Army Security Agency) Fall 65 to summer 76 (Graduated Jones Jr. College, 68 Univ. So. Miss) June 68 to Aug. 75 employed by Union Carbide, North of Mobile, Al Met my future wife, Mabel Courtney in June 68, Married Dec. 7, 1968 Attended Univ. So. Al. part time while employed full time with Union Carbide. Graduated BS Chemistry in May 1972 August 75 to April 81 employed with Degussa Corp. Theodore, Al. April 81 to Dec. 2011 Employed with Andress Engineering Assoc. in Mobile. RETIRED as Vice President in Dec. 2011 Dec. 7 1968 Married to Mabel Courtney Hinton. Oct. 1974 Twin Boys, Alan & Brian Sept. 1979 Boy, Jeffrey Oct. 1981 Girl, Amy Marie 10 Grand Children, 4 boys & 6 girls (18 months to 16 years) GRADY & MABEL HINTON (ghinton@mchsi.com) Cell 251 680 2828 Home 251 675 2239 405 Audubon Dr. So. Satsuma, Al 36572

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**James Hitt**

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Madison, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

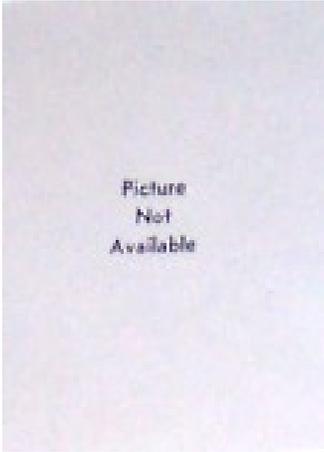
Employer:

Email: jamesehitt@bellsouth.net

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Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Kenneth Holder**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Brenda (Holifield) Rogers**

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Cypress, TX

Spouse/Partner: Bob Rogers

Children: Wade (1965), Philip (1970)

Employer: Retired

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Fifty years, wow! My journey since graduation from George S. Gardiner began when I met my future husband, Bob Rogers, on the tennis courts at JCJC. Two years later we were married and moved to Louisiana to begin the coaching/teaching phase of our life. With a BA degree from Nicholls State University, I taught Jr. High/Middle school while Bob coached football and taught biology in schools in LA and MS. These were great years and our two sons were born during this time. This 14 year period ended after a 3 year stay in Pass Christian, MS. The second phase of our journey began when we left the Pass and moved to Texas when Bob left coaching to enter the business world. I continued teaching with a Master's Degree and a specialization in math. During these years we raised our boys in Pearland, TX, a suburb of Houston. While there, I became the coach and traveled with my math team to competitions all the way to Washington D.C., but after 20 years, we were transferred to Jackson, MS where we spent 3 years before being transferred back to Texas. The third phase of our journey began in 2001. I retired from teaching and Bob retired 8 years later. We now spend our time doing the things we love--golf, tennis, travel, enjoying the grandchildren(we have 5), reading and relaxing. We currently live in Cypress, TX (our 13th and hopefully last move)!

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**William Holm, Jr.**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Harriet (Howard) Cortez

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Rumson, NJ

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Rufus Howell

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Fair Oak, CA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Charles Hudson**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

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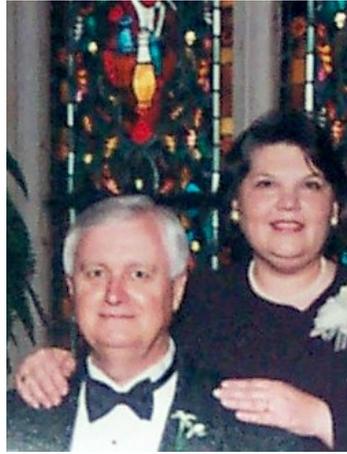
Wishing Everyone from the Class of '62, A Happy Homecoming and An Amazing "50th" Reunion....I'm Sorry So Many of You Got "Older"...I'm Still 39!!!

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Donald Hurst**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Peggy

Children: Laurie (1973)

Employer: Retired

Email: [dahpkh@comcast.net](mailto:dahpkh@comcast.net)

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After LHS, graduated from JCJC, then BS in Management from USM. I moved to Jackson in 1967 and completed 1.5 years of Law School. With the death of my father, returned to help with family matters. Met and married my wife, Peggy in 1972. In 1973, our daughter, Laurie was born. During the next five years, worked with the management of Bush Construction. From 1977 to 1999, member of management team of Delco Remy Division of General Motors. Then, with the 1999 IPO to Delphi Corporation, continued at the same location until retirement in August of 2006. I always said there were three things to do; live through it, retire and have the opportunity to make the adjustment...and I've been blessed to do so! Peggy and I enjoy traveling, reading, exercising, discovering new places to eat and helping others. Time passes, good times and memories remain.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Anniece (Ingram) Buckman

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Blairsville, GA

Spouse/Partner: Jim

Children: Mae (1966), Sean (1969), Michael (1976), and four step-children

Employer: retired

Email: JimandAnniece@brmemc.net

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I graduated Jones Junior college before my first marriage, and left Laurel in My early 20's. I spent 37 years in Orlando Florida where I met my current husband, Jim Buckman. We will celebrate our 30th anniversary in May, 2012. We have a blended family of seven children and 14 grands. I have had my finger in lots of pies over the years including writing material for a personal motivational company, working as a color analyst and professional image consultant. I also worked as an interior design consultant, faux finishing artist and watercolorist. Mostly I preferred being a stay-at-home mom and working a flexible schedule. After Jim retired, we spent seven years as missionaries in England before moving back to Laurel in 2007 to take care of my Mom who passed away in May of 2011. In 2013 moved to Blairsville, Ga where we enjoy the four seasons in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. We still come and go as we can to reach and teach folks in far-a-way places the truth of God's amazing grace and gossell. While in England, we were blessed to travel all over the U.K. and many countries in Europe. We returned to spend three weeks in England just after the reunion in August 2012. I am active in our wonderful home church where we have made good friends and feel right at home. My hobbies are gardening, interior design, and painting in watercolors.

## Laurel High School

### Class of 1962

# Clarine (Ishee) White

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Stonewall, MS

Spouse/Partner: Gary White

Children: Friskie (2002), Scud (2003), & Tabby (2007)

Employer: Retired - Director of Human Resources

Email: ciwhite@netdoor.com

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After George S. Gardiner High School Graduation, I attended Jones County Jr. College, Gulf Coast Jr. College, William Cary (Biloxi) and Miss. State (Meridian) majoring in Business Administration. Met Gary White from Mobile my second year at Jones. Gary and I were "stuck like glue" so we married March 6, 1965, a total of 47 years and 5 months ago. He is my spouse, best friend and the best bow hunting partner in the world. I spent most of my working career in the field of Personnel/Human Resources. In 1967 - 1971, while living in Laurel again, I worked at City Hall for Mayors Fern Bucklew and Bill Patrick until June 1971. Gary accepted a position in Gulfport and we relocated there. I was employed in Biloxi as Administrative/Personnel Assistant at The Daily Herald newspaper (1972-1985). Promoted to Personnel Mgr. in 1973 and Director of Personnel and Employee Relations 1975. Left Biloxi August 1985 for a job in Sarasota, Fla. as Dir. of Personnel for the New York Times regional newspaper, The Sarasota Herald-Tribune. The 2 1/2 years in Florida were great, however we decided to take a Sabbatical and enjoy life and re-group. We decided to live in Stonewall, Ms. This gave us some quality time with Gary's parents (retired) and my parents in Laurel. We spent most of the first year (1988) bow hunting out West, Canada and Alaska. The dream of a life time! Charlie White got bored first. Atlas Roofing Corporation, Director of Human Resources for Meridian and six US locations (1989-1994), Peavey Electronics (1994-2001) Director of HR Meridian and their other US locations and one in England. Gary and I decided to take early retirement the first of 2002. Life has been great! Hobbies: Dirt bike enduro racing in the 70's, running in races, exercising at workout centers; bow hunting (started in 1978). I bow hunted Colorado for elk/mule deer for the first time in 1979. We spent a lot of time out West, Canada, Africa and Alaska, plus other states. Have taken Whitetail, Sitka and Mule deer; Barren Ground Caribou (Alaska) and Labrador Caribou (Canada); Elk in Colorado/Montana; Antelope in Wyoming; Bear in Colorado; Mountain Lion 1983/1984 in Colorado; Javelina in Texas/Arizona; Turkey in Ms./Texas; Warthog, Impala and Kudu in Africa 1991. Oh yes, driving Corvettes for last 40 years...started with 1972 Corvette Stingray. Currently, I have a 1993 40th Anniversary and a 2000 Coup. From Jr. High through High School, I always dreamed of owning a Corvette. Comments: Our Class of 1962 will always be remembered as a "Special Class" with the retirement of the George S. Gardiner High School. We had some great teachers and would not have made it without them. Also, we had a very special group of students. I have some very good memories of high school and a few not so good. I will never forget wrecking my 1955 Chevy (construction of I-59) lost control and landed in a ditch heading back the way we came (car damaged). Those with me probably still have nightmares. Did I get in trouble? One day Ms. Mobberly asked for a ride home. Had a yellow 1957 Ford. I had a "cut-out" added to the car (no, my parents did not know) and forgot to put the cap on after arriving at school. Started the car with Ms. Mobberly comfortably seated and the loud sound almost blew her head off. I thought she was having a heart attack. She never asked for another ride. One day in study hall, Coach Barney Poole asked me to bring to him what I was passing around. I told him that he would not want it, he said "bring it to me, now." I did and it was what was left of an apple, mostly the core and seeds. Thought I was going to get a hard paddle over his desk; however, he was so embarrassed that it was an apple

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Robert James**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [rjames3726@comcast.net](mailto:rjames3726@comcast.net)

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Ross James**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email: [RJGARDINER62@gmail.com](mailto:RJGARDINER62@gmail.com)

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**James Jarvis**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Doris (Jernigan) Graves**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Janice (Johnston) Langdon**

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Westminster, CO

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

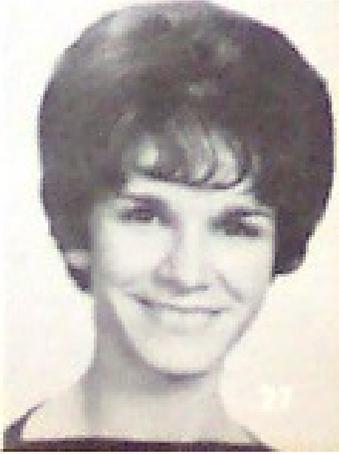
Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Frances (Jones) Mullican**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: James (Jim)  
Mullican

Children: Kenneth (1967)

Employer: Retired

Email: james.mullican@att.net

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I worked in the medical field for 30 years. Lived in Houston, Tx for 9 years, Jackson, Ms for 10, Gulfport for 10 years before moving back to Laurel in 1992. I retired in 2008 and enjoy it very much. Love to quilt, knit (lots of socks). I have one grandson, Spencer.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Kay Jones**

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Broussard,, LA

Spouse/Partner: Walker Gene Jones

Children: Mitchell Scott Jones (1963),  
Mark William Jones (1967)

Employer: Central Gulf Shipyard,  
LLC

Email: kay4771@gmail.com

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Laura (Jones) Cleveland**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Peggy Jones**



Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Sandra Jones**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Cheryl (Knight) Entrekin

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Toomsuba, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [Rainbowmemaw@aol.com](mailto:Rainbowmemaw@aol.com)

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Donnie Lewis**

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Orange Beach, AL

Spouse/Partner: Dr Carol A Lewis

Children: Michael, Kathy, Shannon

Employer: Retired Professor

Email: donlewis999@gmail.com

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After high school, I received a Music Education degree from USM, a Master of Music from Northwestern University in Chicago, and a Doctorate from Ole Miss. I served as a full professor at Ole Miss for many years. After retiring from Ole Miss, I was director of the Graduate Program at Belmont University in Nashville. I was blessed to be able to perform music all over this country and I still perform in both classical and jazz styles. I have been married to Dr. Carol A. Lewis for almost 26 years. She is department chair for 6 Counseling Psychology sites in Florida and Georgia for Troy University. We have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Boating, fishing, and family are the things that take all our time.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Sam Lindsey, II**



St. Mary's, GA

Spouse/Partner: Dianne

Children: Sam Lindsey IV, Grant Lindsey

Employer: Retired

Email: sam3lindsey@yahoo.com

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Currently retired. Married Dianne Lindsey 1968. Navy from 1968-1972 Worked with father at Lindsey Termite from 1972 to 1985. Elected Mayor of Laurel 1985-1989. Appointed to Small Business Administration Regional Office in Atlanta by President W.H. Bush. Moved to Gaithersburg, MD 1991 and ran the computer help desk for ICF Kaiser from 1991 to 1993. Worked with Master Jhoon Rhee to develop martial arts web site from 1993 to 1995. Worked as free lance photojournalist from 1995 to 2005. Retired 2005 to Saint Marys, GA.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Barbara (Little) Jones**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Bonava (Lively) Shelby

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Madison, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: JMCharlie@bellsouth.net

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Bettye (Lowe) Hinton**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Ruth Anne (Mackenzie) Pechacek

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Hayward, WI

Spouse/Partner: John Pechacek

Children: John, David

Employer: Retired

Email: [rpechacek@charter.net](mailto:rpechacek@charter.net)

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We moved away from Laurel at the end of my freshman year of high school, first to Hot Springs, AK, and then to River Falls, WI. Although I didn't get to graduate from Laurel High School, it has always been my graduating class in spirit. After high school, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls with majors in math, economics, and English and married John, a physics and math major. We moved to Minneapolis where John began a 42-year career as a software engineer at Lockheed Martin. Following a decade at home with the kids and doing volunteer work, I held accounting management positions, concluding with a 16-year stint as Operations Manager for an investment firm that trades through Raymond James. In 2011 we sold our home in the Twin Cities and moved to our lake home in Hayward, WI. We have two sons (in WI & NC) and five grandchildren. Volunteer work is primarily at church where I serve as Treasurer and Website Administrator. Interests include lake activities, singing in the church choir and Hayward Community Choir, computer projects, book club, gardening and grandkids. We love the Northwoods, but also enjoy spending the month of March in Anna Maria, Florida. Memories of my Laurel Girl Scout Troup, church, band and school friends are fond and forever.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Sheila (Mackey) Gibson**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Betty (Maddox) Hammond

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League City, TX

Spouse/Partner: John L. Hammond, Jr

Children: Tracy (1970) - children Chase and Claire, Jeremy (1973) - children Hannah and Courtney

Employer: Retired

Email: [bettyshammond@hotmail.com](mailto:bettyshammond@hotmail.com)

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After graduation from LHS, I graduated from JCJC, and then went to work at the NASA Facility in Picayune, MS. Married Martice Holifield, a USM graduate, and had two beautiful children. When NASA slowed down, we transferred over to Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, MS and lived there for six years. We moved to TX in 1974 and I have lived here ever since. We lived in Saudi Arabia from 1982-1984 and this was one of the most memorable times of my life. My kids and I both loved the experience. My husband and I divorced in 1985 and I settled in Orange, TX. I worked as a shipping coordinator for the James River Corp., which is a film packaging company. I met a great guy, even though he's a Yankee from PA, and we have been married for 21 years. He is in the plastics industry and we live in League City, TX, which is between Houston and Galveston, TX. We both enjoy good food and travelling. I have been retired since my grandson was born and love spending time with all four of my grandchildren. Life is good.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Priscilla (Mason) Klass

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Half Moon Bay, CA

Spouse/Partner: Michael

Children: Kelley (45), Russell (41)

Employer: Self

Email: PKlass@comcast.net

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After classes at J.C., I used my creative energy and took a cosmetology class in Mobile, Al. I established a great career and won styling contests in many different states and while living in Mobile, I became a Jr. Miss America stylist. I took a job in Baton Rouge and met my ex-husband and father of Kelley and Russell. We moved to Sacramento, California, and after nine years of marriage, we divorced. Af 4 years as a single mom, I met "Mr. Right" and married Michael, a dermatologist. We lived in Sacramento for 10 years and then moved to the little town of Half Moon Bay, Californis which is just south of Sand Francisco and on the Pacific Ocean. I started studying art seriously 30 years ago, and exhibited in a local gallery for thirteen years and have taught art for eighteen years. My husband retired and now volunteers with many community organizations, and I volunteer with our coastal womens's club. I have coninued to paint and am honored to have just hung four paintings at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Half Moon Bay. My daughter Kelley and her husband have three children and live in Sacramento. Russell, our son, lives in Bend, Oregon and is a graphic artist and still a bachelor. Life is good and we hope to continue to have good health. We wish that we could have attended the reunion. Have wonderful time. Love, Priscilla

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Anne (Massey) Bush**

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Pearl, MS

Spouse/Partner: James Bush

Children: Kellie (45), Terri (43) Heath (41)

Employer: Retired Pearl Public Schools

Email: abush2@att.net

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My parents were Rachael and C. A. (Preacher) Massey. We lived on Ellisville Blvd. My brother is Edwin Massey. We always met at the top of the stairs before the morning. The only time that I ever got into trouble was in Coach Poole's study hall. I sat in the last seat and was sending a note to the first chair. That person gave it to him. He went all the way down that row asking everyone if they got it. It was traced to me. He called me to his desk. All I remember is begging him not to tell daddy. Favorite Music/Songs: Elvis "Can't Help Falling In Love With You", "Loving You", "Hound Dog"

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Joan (Massey) Jordan**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Bill Mauldin**

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Decatur, Al

Spouse/Partner: Sandra

Children: Leigh (1967) Shelby (1970)

Employer: Retired

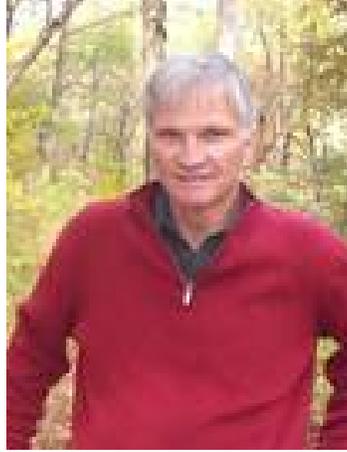
Email: bill.mauldin@att.net

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After graduating from Mississippi State University in 1967, I worked for Ford Motor Co. for thirty years, retiring in 1998. I then worked as an investigator for the Morgan County Alabama District Attorneys Office in Decatu,Al. until retiring in 2011. I married Sandra Rowland(R.H.Watkins, Class of 1964) in 1965. We have two daughters and four grandchildren

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Vern McCarty**

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Atlanta, GA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [vern.mccarty@gmail.com](mailto:vern.mccarty@gmail.com)

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Ann (McLure) Saucier**

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Flowood, MS

Spouse/Partner: Tom Saucier

Children: Sarah (36), John (31) ,  
Michael (30)

Employer: Navy wife

Email: [ollieasaucier@yahoo.com](mailto:ollieasaucier@yahoo.com)

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I finished at MSCW with a double major in English/Drama (in three years) and immediately married. Tom and I moved to California and he made two cruises to Vietnam as a Navy pilot. I came to Laurel and taught at Jones Jr. High. Next, we moved to Virginia Beach, Va., where he was an instructor for Naval Air Station, Oceana and I taught A.P. English at First Colonial High School. We took on the first of many Chruch "Youth Groups" and thoroughly enjoyed activities and Bible studies with the young people. In 1970 my father died suddenly with a heart attack and we moved back to Laurel, where Tom took over the family business. (He had been schceduled to leave the Navy and fly for Delta). Again, we taught high school age in Sunday School and sponsored the Youth Group. We had our family and I was active in church and community work. I had a two year fight with cancer and, thankfully, came out the winner. We moved to Jackson to be near Tom's mother (who has since passed away - but who needed us for a time) and have remained because our son lives near us with his lovely wife and our only grandchild, Elizabeth. (She is 2!). My favorite memory of L.H.S. is standing in the lovely, open French doors that lined the downstairs hall and laughing and chatting with friends...waiting for the current "heart throb" to come and ask me to "walk in the park"! How fortunate we all were! Favorite Songs - anything by the "Do-wop" artists!

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Jack McNair**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **David McNeil**

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Clarkston, WA

Spouse/Partner: Melva June

Children: John 1968, Steve 1970,  
Angela 1975

Employer: Retired

Email: [dmelmcneil@cablone.net](mailto:dmelmcneil@cablone.net)

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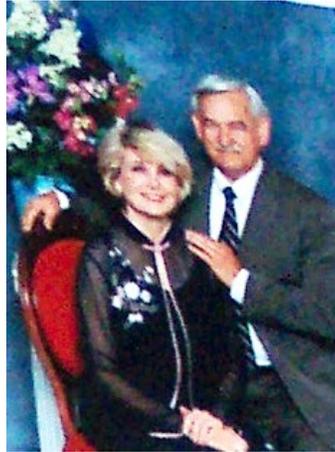
After graduating from GSGHS, I attended Miss. State for three years, but then I was drafted into the Navy while trying to transfer to University of Houston (which was worth it since I met my wife there. She was attending Gulf Coast Bible College). I spent a tour in Italy, returned to the States for training and then spent a tour in Viet Nam. We settled in Montana when I got out of the service and raised our three children there. We moved to my wife's home town in Washington State 27 years ago with the same company I worked for in Montana. I recently retired and we will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary this year, which is awesome. We are enjoying our kids and their families. We have been blessed with 16 grandchildren (so far).

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Wayne Meeks, Rev.**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Marsha Shoemake Meeks

Children: 3 children: Bobby 42, Melody 40, Billy 36 - 4 grandchildren: Kaleb 15, Dylan 12, Ali 13, Kate 7

Employer: Retired in 2006 from First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, MS

Email: waynemeeks08@yahoo.com

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Graduated from JCJC in 1964 Graduated from USM in 1968, Bachelor of Music Education Studied at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1968-1970 Master of Religious Education 1962-1964 - Minister of Music, Stringer Baptist Church, Laurel, MS 1964-1966 - Minister of Music, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, east Laurel, MS 1966-68 - Minister of Music, Trinity Baptist Church, Laurel, MS Married the former Marsha Shoemake from Wayne County, June 19, 1968 1968-69 - Minister of Music, Lakeside Baptist Church, Metarie, LA 1969-1970 - Minister of Music, Bridgedale Baptist church, Metarie, LA 1970-1980 - Minister of Music, Wildwood Baptist Church, Laurel, MS Bobby Meeks born October 19, 1970 Melody Meeks born May 29, 1972 Billy Meeks born May 09, 1976 1980-2006 - Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, MS Son: Bobby Meeks married Missie Waldrup from Ellisville Grandchildren: Kaleb Meeks 15, Dylan Meeks 12 Daughter: Melody Meeks married Kendall Rigney from Waynesboro Grandchildren: Ali Rigney 13, Kate Rigney 7 Son: Billy Meeks - Eligible Bachelor Retired June 30, 2006

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Walter Merrill**

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North Port, AL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [virginiaageist@yahoo.com](mailto:virginiaageist@yahoo.com)

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**John Merritt, Jr.**

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Davenport, FL

Spouse/Partner: Jay Smith, 40 Years

Children:

Employer: Walt Disney World, Disney Vacation Club

Email: johnweldon5@yahoo.com

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After graduating High School and attending University of So. Miss. I worked at Merritt's Florist in Laurel until 1965 when I moved to Southern California for eight years. I continued working there in the same field. In 1973 I moved back to Laurel working once again at Merritt's Florist and Gifts, Inc. and eventually taking full ownership. In 1996 after having reached "burn-out" in the business, I sold it and moved to the Orlando, Florida area to work at Walt Disney World. Working there had been a dream of mine for many years and I finally achieved my dream. I worked there for fourteen years before retiring in June 2010. The following August I was rehired as a part-time worker at the Disney Vacation Club where I have now worked for the past three years. I really enjoy living in Florida and my new favorite vacation spot is Key West, FL.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Terry Miles**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

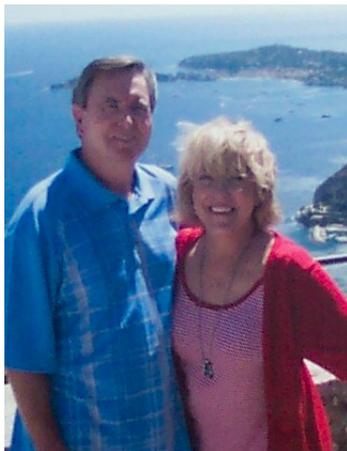
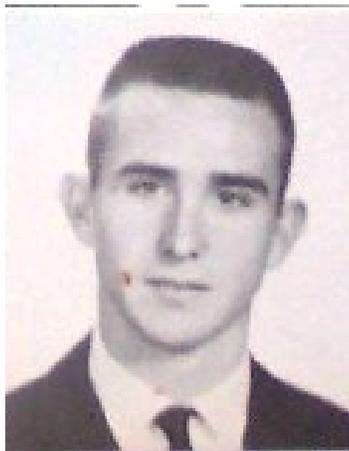
Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Wayne Mills**

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Hattiesburg, MS

Spouse/Partner: Carolyn

Children: Heather ('70), Holly ('72)  
Grandchildren Austin 15, Jackson 11

Employer: Jackson's Pharmacy -  
Gulfport, MS.

Email: coastreb2123@yahoo.com

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After High School, I attended the University of Mississippi and earned a degree in Pharmacy. I practiced pharmacy for two years and then returned to Ole Miss and earned a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis on health care. I was employed by the University of Mississippi Medical Center as Chief Health Planner for the Mississippi Regional Medical Program from 1970 until 1976. I then opened Mills Pharmacy at the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Brandon, Ms. I continued to own and operate the pharmacy until 1994. I sold the pharmacy and became employed with Rite Aid Pharmacy until 2009. I am now employed part-time at Jackson's Pharmacy in Gulfport, MS. I have been married to the former Carolyn Moody for the past 44 years. Carolyn is also from Laurel. We have two daughters, Heather Weatherall and Holly Borrello and two grandsons, Austin and Jackson. We enjoy travel and spending time with the grand children. Carolyn and I reside in Hattiesburg, Ms. Favorite songs: The Twist, Sherry, The Lion Sleeps Tonight.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Jarome Milner**

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Madison, MS

Spouse/Partner: Sylvia Blackledge Milner, 55 years

Children: Sharea (1971), Kellie Stone (1976) Grandkids Jett, Stone, Cash, Cage & Hutton

Employer: Edward Jones Investments 26 years retired 2016

Email: [jarome.milner@yahoo.com](mailto:jarome.milner@yahoo.com)

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After GSGHS attended JCJC on basketball scholarship. 1964 married high school sweetheart, Sylvia Blackledge moved to Jackson and I attended Millsaps College on basketball scholarship. Completed my degree in accounting from Mississippi College in 1966. 1966-1969 was US Army and officer candidate school then Vietnam War. Sylvia and I returned to Jackson in late 1969. I completed my masters degree in accounting from Miss College. Passed CPA exam and took position with Peat Marwick Mitchell big 8 accounting firm. In 1971 I went solo and started my own practice in tax planning. In 1979 with 2 small girls we survived the "Great Easter Flood. 7 feet of water took our dream home. 1992 I wanted a career change ?????? Crazy..... I went into the financial services industry with Edward Jones Investments. Became a limited partner in 1998. In 2000 I became a general partner with responsibility to develop Mississippi. Stepped down in 2008 with 54 offices in my area. I am still active working but at my own controlled pace. Friday is for grandkids..... we currently have 5. Sylvia and I have been blessed to have traveled all over the world with Scotland being the favorite. I still love the 50's and 60's music..... and still hardly let a day go by that I do not listen to one or the other. The Platters were awesome.. loved Ray Charles, Roy Orbison, The Beach Boys."..... could go on and on. GSGHS was a one of a kind school!!!!!! How great it was to be a part of the 1962 class. The beauty of the campus, excellent teachers, great school spirit, sock hops look forward to this weekend.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Phillip Mitchell

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Ellisville, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Paul Morgan**

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Lucedale, MS

Spouse/Partner: Rosa

Children: Stace (son) 42; Mady and Sherry (Twins) 40

Employer:

Email: paul\_or\_rosa@bellsouth.net

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served in Army Reserve

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Tommy Morris**

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Hattiesburg, MS

Spouse/Partner: Marie Davis

Children: Craig ,Lance

Employer: Retired from Kroger Food  
and Drug

Email: tomandmarie2@yahoo.com

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Went to Ole Miss, played baseball and eventually got a degree in Pharmacy. First job was in Hattiesburg and the place I met Marie Davis of Slidell. We dated for three months, married and have been together ever since. Made a couple of moves, to Quitman and Pascagoula but wound up back in Hattiesburg. In 1976 I had had enough of retail pharmacy. I took a job with Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company (Dista Division) as their sales rep for South Mississippi. In 1981 I thought I needed to own a pharmacy so we opened a store in north Jackson. Competition eventually overwhelmed us so we sold what assets were there in 1987. Moved to the Memphis area and went to work for Kroger as one of their pharmacy managers. Had a chance to come back to the Laurel store in 2000 and stayed there until I retired in 2010. They have coaxed me into working one day a week. We have two sons Craig (Freiburg, Germany) and Lance (Long Beach, CA), both of whom have their undergraduate degrees from Tulane. I enjoy playing golf, sports in general, and my time off.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Durwood Moseley**

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Waynesboro, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Frank Moseley**

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St. Cloud, FL

Spouse/Partner:  
LaVerne(Gambrell)Moseley

Children: Brent(1968) Bryan(1969)

Employer: Internalmedicine and  
cardiologywork

Email: [amfmrooster@cfl.rr.com](mailto:amfmrooster@cfl.rr.com)

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workas nuclear medicine technologist in cardiology

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Gloria (Moseley) Keyes**

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Cordova, TN

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:



**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Betty (Moss) Lyle**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Robert

Children:

Employer: Retired

Email: [thelyes78@gmail.com](mailto:thelyes78@gmail.com)

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Can't believe it has been 50 years! We still live in Laurel. I married the love of my life. Have four children: Brent (1963), Bridget (1966) Wade (1971) Robin (1978); two step children: Jennifer (1967) and Taylor (1970). Retired from Commercial National Bank/Trustmark Bank. We enjoy going to our Camp, just off the Natchez Trace, traveling and spending time with our Grandchildren. Come February we will have ten! Life is good and God has blessed us

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Carolyn (Motsinger) Manning

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Vanceleave, MS  
USA

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Spouse/Partner: James (Jimmy)

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Children: Scott (1968), Steven(1971)

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Employer: Retired

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Email: manningjames@bellsouth.net

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After graduation I attended JCJC and then went to work at Commercial Nat'l Bank for 3 or 4 years. We moved to Petal in 1967 and started our family after which I worked for our local utility company. Our boys are both graduates of USM. Between the two they have blessed us with 4 Grand children. After retiring, we moved to the Gulf Coast and are living on the Bayou. Our hobbies are sailing and fishing. We also enjoy traveling especially back and forth between the coast and Pensacola and Charlotte, visiting the kids and grandkids. Life is good!

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Gale (Moudy) Alexander**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Jamie (Murdock) Coffield**

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Temple, TX

Spouse/Partner: Scott

Children: Brian, 34 and kate 29;  
Grandsons Soren, 4 and Atticus, 3  
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Employer:

Email: su195j@aol.com

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The school spirit was awesome and so much fun!! I loved walking in the beautiful park with my sweetheart Scott. It was so romantic. I look back with thankfulness to have been a part of a class with such wonderful people. What a blessing to my life to know everybody! I thank God for the sweet memories.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Janice (Myers) Curry**

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Silverton, OR

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Alice (Nesom) Berner**

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Gretna, LA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: aberner43@aol.com

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Joe Nesom, Dr.**

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Jackson, LA

Spouse/Partner: Janice Carol Gandy

Children: Julie and Jaimie

Employer:

Email: [jbnesom@juno.com](mailto:jbnesom@juno.com)

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Dr. Joe Nesom graduated from USM in 1966. After early careers as a musician and English literature professor, he joined the Army Security Agency (NSA) and studied Russian at Presidio of Monterey. After service in California, New York, Vietnam, and Washington, D.C. he left the Army and entered the ministry. He did his theological studies at the New Orleans Theological Seminary and taught systematic theology there for five years. Joe also served as pastor of an inner city church in New Orleans for seven years. In 1983 he became the pastor of one of the older churches in Louisiana, First Baptist, Jackson,(1835). He has served there for the last 29 years. Joe has also served as a board member of Founders Ministries for many years and is the author of many articles published in theological journals in America and the United Kingdom. His book, "Be Sure What You Believe" became a best seller for Evangelical Press (Darlington, England) in 1999. He married Janice Gandy of Laurel in 1973. Janice died in 2006. Joe has two daughters, four granddaughters and two grandsons.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**James Nichols**

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Plano, TX

Spouse/Partner: Kathy

Children: Daughters Kelly (32), Julie (29)

Employer: Exco Resources, Inc.

Email: halfdime44@yahoo.com

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Married Kathy in 1966 and we have two daughters Kelly and Julie 1969 started working for Continental EMSCO Company in Laurel, while holding several sales and managemnet positions we moved to New Orleans, LA in 1974, Baton Rouge, LA, 1978, Jackson, MS 1984 and Plano, TX 1988. We have been in Plano ever since and in 2001, I make a career change to Purchasing and have been Purchasing Manager for an Oil & Gas Company since that time. Hobbies: I "LOVE" Pheasant Hunting in Kansas, fishing and golf. Favorite songs in High School - Sherry and Let's Twist Again Plan to work a couple of more years.???

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Fredna (Nicholson) Craven**

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Ellisville, MS

Spouse/Partner: none

Children: Tina (1965); Jamie (1974)  
Grandchildren: Michala - 18; Claire - 15; Halle - 6

Employer: YWCO of Laurel - 12 years

Email: fredna67@gmail.com

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What? You want me to remember 50 years? I don't remember last year! And I haven't done anything I can tell! I have worked and raised my family all these years. I started working at First National Bank in Jackson in 1963 and worked there for 5 years, moved back to Laurel and worked for First National Bank in Laurel for 26 years. I worked 10 years at Ramada Inn as Sales Director; now I work at the YWCO (known as the "Y") as Executive Director, been there 12 years and plan to retire in 2014. I married Ed Craven in 1969 and we have a daughter, Tina and a son, Jamie and 3 Grandgirls. Ed passed away in 2008, so now I'm just "a poor ole widow woman". I enjoy working in the yard, traveling with my classmate girlfriends and being involved in community organizations...and...going to reunions. Hope to see all of you in August!

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Elton Odom, Jr.**

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Woonsocket, RI

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Ellen (Openshaw) Stinson**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Elizabeth (Parish) Rogers**

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Laurel, MS.

Spouse/Partner: Donald

Children: Don, Jr. (40), Jason (38)

Employer: SCRMC Wound Care Clinic

Email: [lr Rogers@scrmc.com](mailto:lr Rogers@scrmc.com)

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Donald and I have been married for 51 years. Two sons - Don, Jr., police officer at JCJC Jason, Trauma Nurse Practitioner at Stone County Hospital. Flies as Trauma Flight Nurse Practitioner with Air Care out of Jackson, Ms. - University Medical Center Two Grandchildren - Chay Rogers, 11 and Lawsyn Rogers, 6. Donald is retired. I still work with SCRMC Wound Care Clinic

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Brenda (Parrish) Jones

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Keller, Tx

Spouse/Partner: None

Children: Carla Henson (1970),  
DeDe Watkins (1972) Grandchildren  
Lauryn (12 yr) Zach (8) Chase (3)

Employer: Paragon Global  
Resources

Email: brendapjones@yahoo.com

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Wow! Time flies when you're having fun. Would we do it all over again? You bet we would! Most of us cherish all the mistakes we've made but 99% would make the same ones again. After a marriage of 30 years ended, I have 2 beautiful daughters, 2 great son-in-laws and 3 wonderful grandchildren who I get to see grow up every day. During these years, I've had some great jobs and made some great friends, most of which I still stay in contact with today. Lived in Albuquerque, NM for 20 years and that was truly an adventure. Worked with the largest Ophthalmology practice in the US, helping them grow from 3 physicians to 160 presently. Great cultural experience. I now live in Keller, Texas near my grandchildren and love it. I, too, failed my 1st retirement and currently spend my days working at a position I love. I travel with my high school friends fulfilling that "bucket" list we've all made from time to time. Next time you find yourself in the DFW Metroplex, look me up. I am sure one of our Texas Rangers or Dallas Cowboys will be playing! Looking forward to see everyone in August.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Edward Parrish**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Sandy (Peddy) Eddins**

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Knoxville, TN

Spouse/Partner: R. O. "Butch" Eddins

Children: Robby 42, Beth 39, "bonus baby" Ben Powell 42

Employer: First Baptist Concord Weekday Education

Email: [spe55@aol.com](mailto:spe55@aol.com)

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Well, I graduated from the "W" in 1966 with several LHS friends. Six days after graduation, Butch and I married and began our lives as a Navy couple. The next 4 years we were in Pensacola (I taught Latin at Pensacola High), Key West, New Orleans and Norfolk (two years). Usually Butch was on carrier duty and Duchess (the dog) and I were grading papers. However Duchess and I went home to Laurel in the fall of 1969 so we could entertain our families with the births of their first gradchild (Robby) and six puppies. My sister stood in for Butch by going into the delivery room with me. In 1970 we all moved to Knoxville and became civilians (although Butch eventually retired from Navy Reserve). Our daughter Beth was born in 1972 and a few years later, I started teaching in Weekday Education at our church. It was a "temporary" job from which I will retire next year. We have been very much "at home" in Knoxville. Our children, Robby and Beth, were away for college and early marriage, but are in Knoxville now. We have 5 grandchildren, Ethan (11), Lily (8), Emma (14), Kaley (10) and Nathanael (8). We stay VERY busy with our grand-children, who are all athletic, musical and brilliant! Hey, I can say these things! We have been active in overseas missions for about 15 years. We had the joy of serving in Thailand for one month each year for ten years. It was a great experience! Butch has also served in China and the Middle East. At home Butch is our chief cook now, we share the yard and garden (I may do 10%), and I am the cleaning lady (he does maybe 10%). It works! We are blessed to have wonderful friends and family. Call us when you visit the Smokies! We'll put you up for a night or two! Memories: I came to Laurel halfway through my Soph. year. I was angry and sad! BUT I was immediately accepted and included. Ann Carter lived next door, Vicki Freeman (who I knew from Shreveport) was down the street. I fell in love with LHS and the park was wonderful! On days my mother shared the car, I could go home for lunch! Teachers I loved: Blanche Bailey - who welcomed me into her basement class & made it feel like home. Katherine Alexander - who was the BEST math teacher I ever had (physics too!) and made me feel intelligent enough to converse with her. Ms. Fairley - who made it possible for me to major in English and then teach it for 2 years. Ellen Steele Satterfield - who loved me when I was unloveable and understood how much I wanted four years of Latin. W. D. Bush - who taught me kindness in the classroom and taught me more chemistry than my college prof knew!

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Sherry (Pelman) Finneran

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Hattiesburg, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children: Patrick John (1969), Kelly Ann (1970), Robert Brian (1973)

Employer: Retired

Email: [sherry.finneran@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.finneran@gmail.com)

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After graduation from USM with a BS in Sociology I moved to Pensacola, Florida. I married a Marine Officer two years later and began moving around the country for 25 years. After divorcing and living in St. Louis, Missouri I decided it was time to move back to Hattiesburg to pursue a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science. I happened to run into Savan Wilby Wilson and she offered me a job at USM! How fortunate that reunion turned out to be. I was able to complete my degree and go on to have a 18 year career at USM. I retired from USM July 2011. I have three wonderful children and five grandchildren. The sixth is due September 3, 2012. Looking forward to another little baby to love and cherish. I love to spend my time with family and friends, traveling, hiking, reading, and volunteering. I love working out at the gym, and my work with my church, St. Tomas Catholic Church in Hattiesburg.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Sandy (Phillips) Hearron**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Sandra (Pippen) Lindsey**

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Ellisville, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Cornelia (Pittman) Skelly**

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Houston, TX

Spouse/Partner: Tony Skelly

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Lavern Pitts**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Morris Pitts**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Tommy Plisco**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Charles Ponder**

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Hattiesburg, MS

Spouse/Partner:

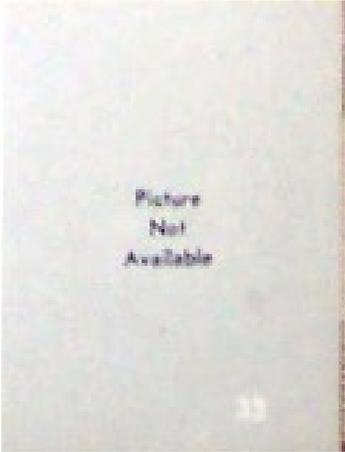
Children:

Employer:

Email: ponderca@att.net

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Royston Poole**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Dickey Porter**

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Eros, LA

Spouse/Partner: Doris Ann

Children: John (1966), David (1968),  
Teresa (1974)

Employer: Very happily retired

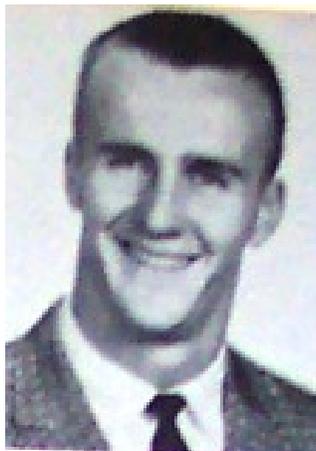
Email: dickey.porter@yahoo.com

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I joined USArmy right after graduation. I served in the Army Security Agency on a civilian duty assignment from '64 to '65 in Peshawar, Pakistan. Worked hard next 40 years. Retired now and work more than ever at things I enjoy. Have a beautiful wife, 3 great kids, and 3 super grandkids. I have ridden my Harley Heritage to the Dayton, Sturgis, and the Iron Horse rally. Also visited so many of the national parks in this great country especially in the mountains of the west. We continue to travel in our motorhome and find time to visit Gulf Shores each year. Love this beautiful country. Comments by Dickey - My favorite teacher was Miss. Satterfield. She sent me books and wrote me letters while I was overseas in Pakistan in '64 - '65. We continued to communicate and she attended the baptism of my son, John. Mr. Bush was also a favorite teacher. I regret how ugly I was to Miss Lewis and was able to apologize to her at the 15th class reunion. I have always considered our class "special" because we were the last class to graduate from George S. Gardiner HS. It had such a nice campus. It was like a movie set. I enjoyed going to the football games. I didn't play but it was a great time to be in the stands with the girls. HA! What a team we had every year while our class was at LHS. We are all so lucky to have been alive and a part of such a great time in the history of our Country. It is by the Grace of God that we are in America and free. I joined the Army in June '62 and lost contact with almost everyone. I really look forward to seeing all the gray haired people that I had so much fun with 50 years ago. I wish you all health, happiness, and hope to meet you again for our 75th reunion.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Clifton Prince**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Shirley (Ramsey) Lester**

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Madison, MS

Spouse/Partner: George Lester

Children:

Employer:

Email:

## Laurel High School

### Class of 1962

# John Ratcliff

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Shreveport, LA

Spouse/Partner: Joy Fair Ratcliff

Children: Garrett (1982) and Megan (1984) [with Margaret White Ratcliff]; Thomas (1994) [with Joy]

Employer: John G. Ratcliff, Attorney at Law, LLC, but almost retired

Email: johngratcliff@gmail.com

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After Laurel High School College I went to Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) where I received a BA (Philosophy). SAE, ODK. I worked at James Fuller's sawmill in Laurel at the site of the old Lindsey eight wheel wagon company during at least one summer, maybe two. Had another serious automobile accident coming back to Laurel from a visit to the coast; it wasn't as serious as the one I had in high school (and there was no alcohol involved). After college I spent the summer hitchhiking the British Isles except for six weeks at a British Universities summer school held at the U. of Edinburgh. After that I went to the U. of Virginia where I received an MA (Philosophy). I worked for Cecil Williams as lifeguard at Daphne Park pool in Laurel during the summer of the Masonite strike (1968). After the shootings at Kent State and Jackson State I went to the U. of Mississippi School of Law where I received a J.D. Practiced law until 2012 although with several interruptions. First practiced, as founding partner, with Andelman, Bergmark & Ratcliff, a civil rights law office in Hattiesburg (attorneys for the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Cutters Association in MS and AL and the MS ACLU, among other clients); I became New York fundraiser for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, a civil rights organization begun in the 1930s for about two years; learned more about the Free State of Jones than I had known when I lived there; became friends with citizens of the Republic of New Africa for whom and with whom I did legal work (including with the late Chokwe Lumumba, the lawyer and Jackson city councilman who served as its mayor until his recent death); installed burglar alarms in New Orleans; went to welding school and worked as a tack welder at a shipyard in Mobile; worked on an offshore rig as a cook. Married Margaret Linsley White in New Orleans. Passed the LA bar exam. practiced law in New Orleans for a brief period during which I represented Wendi Heaton, a movement activist, in extradition proceedings from LA to CA. Also was cocounsel in a murder trial. Moved to Shreveport where I worked as an attorney with a firm at first, then on my own representing workers' compensation claimants, equal employment opportunity claimants and criminal defendants. Stopped drinking June 4, 1987. Was separated at the same time and divorced about a year later, and in 1990 married Joy Melane Fair who I met on a blind date and who was with me at the Gardiner class of 1962 50th reunion. She has taught piano at Centenary College in Shreveport and Bossier Parish Community College since we have been married. Worked as a sole practitioner, for legal services and another law firm, then Ratcliff & Greer for a number of years until March, 2012. Member of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Shreveport since 1990 and have served it as board president. Am currently serving as board member and am teaching middle and high school religious education for the second time. I remain interested in and read philosophy, logic, history, current events, politics, economics, finance, spirituality and religion. I like to read detective and spy fiction and Elmore Leonard. I like to go to the beach and swim. I have begun to swim laps as part of a more general workout and have recently worked up to 1,800 yards from a pitiful 25, one of the most personally gratifying things I have ever done. Recently has arthroscopic knee surgery, so my exercise has been curtailed, but I am getting back into it. Down two belt sizes even though I like to eat out. I watch some entertainment television, Treme', NCIS, Foyle's War, and Justified most recently. Saints fan and for whoever is

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Carolyn (Rayner) Sims**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Millard Reedy**

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Brandon , MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Jack Register**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Brenda (Rice) Rogers**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Tommy Rogers

Children: Carrie (1969) Melissa (1970)

Employer:

Email: [brenda.r@comcast.net](mailto:brenda.r@comcast.net)

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After graduating from LHS, I attended USM and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. I married Tommy Rogers (class of '61), and we have two daughters who have blessed us with four precious grandchildren. I began teaching kindergarten when our children went to college. We have called Laurel home for most of our lives. We have enjoyed living here and being able to share in the lives of our families.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Robert Roark**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email: rkrstudios@masterfulart.com

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Redenia (Robinson) Bruce**

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Chelsea, AL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Martha (Rogers) Davis

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Watts

Children: Meredith and Evan

Employer:

Email: marfarmdavis@gmail.com

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I graduated from USM, married Watts Davis and taught school before we had children. We still live at Square One Farm in Calhoun. Our daughter, Merideth and her two boys, Gavin and Calin live in Monticello-only an hour away., Our son, Evan, his wife, Lori and their baby girl, Eva, live in Laurel. We thoroughly enjoy the grandchildren and know we are blessed to have our family so close. Watts owns Eye Care Associates where our son now practices with him. We still raise horses, along with a happy menagerie which includes more than several rescued dogs and cats.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Glenda (Roseberry) Taylor**

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Niceville, FL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Mike Round**

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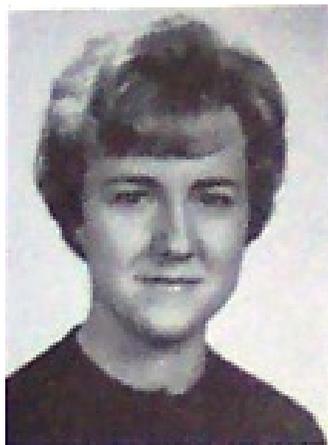
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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Linda (Rowell) Herrington

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Stan Herrington

Children: Stephanie (1964), Eric (1968)

Employer: Homemaker

Email: [linda\\_herrington@comcast.net](mailto:linda_herrington@comcast.net)

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After graduation, I attended Jones County Junior College until the fall of 1963 when I married Stan Herrington (Class of '61) on November 8. We established our home in Laurel where Stan was working with C.P. Clark Water Wells and Stephanie was born in December of 1964. Eric was born in April of 1968 and I was blessed to be able to stay at home with our children. We are actively involved in our church and also participated in several construction mission trips over the years. I was able to make a trip to Honduras in 1981 with a mission team from Jones County Baptist Association. Stan went to work at Laurel Machine & Foundry in May of 1977 and worked there until his retirement in July of 2010. Our daughter, Stephanie is married to Mark Sellers and they make their home in Jones County. Our Son, Eric is married to Danielle Gregory and they make their home in Wayne County. We have been blessed with three handsome grandsons. Austin (13), Ryne (5), and Jasper (3). Stan and I spend our days trying to keep up with Ryne & Jasper. I have enjoyed serving on the planning committee and look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Sandra (Ruffin) Reynolds

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Fairfax Station, VA

Spouse/Partner: Keith Reynolds

Children: Laura and Brian (1967) and Keri (1975)

Employer: Retired

Email: [Srr6@verizon.net](mailto:Srr6@verizon.net)

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After graduating from LHS, I attended MSCW and graduated with a degree in elementary education. Shortly following graduation, I married my husband, Keith Reynolds and started the nomadic life of a Navy wife. We lived in Beeville, Texas, Long Beach, Calif, Monterey, Calif, Charleston, S.C., Pascagoula, Ms, Mayport, Fl, and Northern Va. It was a wonderful experience and our children adapted well. In 1979 we moved to Northern Va and Keith retired from the Pentagon 4 years later. Northern Va remains our home today. We have three children; Laura and Brian (twins) and Keri. In nearby Clifton, Va I was the Director and one of the teachers at a Presbyterian Church Preschool for 18 years. Over the years, we often visited my parents in Laurel and my children felt deep roots there. Today we are blessed to have our children and five wonderful grandchildren living less than 15 minutes away.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Mary (Schneider) Steinwinder**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Chuck Steinwinder

Children: Kimberly Knobles born  
1968

Employer: Retired

Email: [msteinw@att.net](mailto:msteinw@att.net)

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Went to MSCW and As freshman roomed with Ann Mclure, Jacquelyn Wright, and Sandy Peddy. What fun! Chuck and I married in August 1965 and by then I was working as a legal secretary. In February 1966 I began working at Sears in Laurel and Kim was born June 1968. Worked at Sears in Laurel as Personnel Manager until it closed in 1995... transferred to Hattiesburg where I was a Sales Manager, then Human Resource Manager. Retired in 2007, Chuck was already retired. So here we are! These days we don't get out much due to some health issues, but we are thrilled that our daughter, her husband, Mark, and our "wonderful" grandson, Karsten, moved back here from Houston last year. I have such great memories of everyone, and especially our senior year, study hall (Coach Poole made me sit on stage for talking), and our raucus pep rallies!

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Bill Seefeld**

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Birmingham, AL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Linda (Shoemake) Staniszewski

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email: [lynda45@msn.com](mailto:lynda45@msn.com)

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Gerald Smith**

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Cedar Falls, IA

Spouse/Partner:

Children: Emily (1976) and Lindsay(1984)

Employer: University of Northern Iowa

Email: gerald.smith@uni.edu

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My life has been blessed by wonderful friends/mentors/colleagues and family over the decades. From LHS's Miss Alexander to my dissertation adviser, Professor Theodore P. Herrick at the University of Oklahoma, I had phenomenal instruction, motivation and encouragement. Education, either as a student or an academic, has been my life. Although I hope to continue to learn each day, my formal education includes BSBA, University of Southern Mississippi, 1966 MS, Oklahoma State University, 1967 PhD, University of Oklahoma, 1974 After OSU I entered public accounting to acquire the professional experience necessary to obtain my CPA license. After acquiring instructorship experience, to make sure I wanted an academic career, Claire (who I met while at OSU and married in December 1967) and I entered our PhD programs at OU. Auditing has always been my specialty and I cannot fathom a more interesting time to be in this discipline. Although I haven't had any best sellers as some of our LHS peers have had the good fortune to write, I have had the rewarding experience of publishing in some of the leading accounting academic and practitioner journals. Thus, I have tremendously enjoyed all components—teaching, research and service—of an academic career. Emily and her husband have blessed Claire and me with three wonderful grandchildren. They live in St. Paul, Minnesota. Emily is a senior rate analyst at Excel Energy and Peter is an IT manager at Target. Lindsay is an NIH pre-doctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota. She is at the dissertation stage of her PhD in CVD epidemiology and lives in Minneapolis. On many summer weekends we all meet in Clear Lake, Iowa (yes, that is where Buddy Holly's plane went down in 1959!) for swimming, boating, miniature golf, bowling and other activities our children and grandchildren enjoy. In addition to my UNI responsibilities, I keep busy via involvement in Nazareth Lutheran Church, Kiwanis Club, UNI Credit Union Board of Directors and the UNI United Faculty Executive Committee. Hobbies are family time, reading and travel.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Sylvia (Smith) Gardner**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Nancy (Sorey) Long**



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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Dianne (Stiglets) Nutter**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Dickie Stone**

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Harlingen, TX

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: southstones@sbcglobal.net

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Jennifer (Stone) Ewing**

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Diamondhead, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children: Scott (1966), Courtney (1971)

Employer: Retired

Email: firstmate4sailing@yahoo.com

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In 1963, Jim Collins and I were married and took turns finishing college, Jim first at MSU and me later at USM. We lived in Starkville, Mississippi; Houston, Texas, and Natchez, Mississippi, before returning to Laurel. After graduating with a B.S. and a Masters in Education, I loved teaching at St. John's Day School, then at Jones County Junior College and later at Diamondhead Academy, following a move to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. I have two wonderful children, Scott and Courtney, both happily married, and I have three grandchildren ages 9,7, and 2. The bottom line for Southwest Airlines is boosted with every flight to and from Tulsa to see those grandkids! After Jim and I divorced, Andy Ewing and I were reunited and married. We lived on his boat until we built a home on the water near the marina in Diamondhead, and we had five happy years together before his death in 1995. Our class was fortunate to have some very fine teachers, and we were the lucky ones to be the last to graduate from George S. Gardiner. Remember the fun of gathering with classmates at the handsome, tall French doors looking out on the courtyard, walking in the park at recess and Senior Privileges? Just think of it, we had an hour for lunch and could go home to eat! I remember cherry cokes while cruising past the Dairy Queen, dances at the Legion Hut with live bands and some of the best music in history. We were blessed to grow up in the period of time that we did and with the bunch of good folks we had in our class. Diamondhead continues to be my home, and at the present, I enjoy sailing, camping in the Smoky Mountains, bird watching and reading. Michael Mitchell is my sailing partner, captain of the lovely, old 46 foot ketch rig sailboat we co-own. He's the one with the expertise, while I do my best at being the first mate.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Benny Stone, Dr.**

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Metairie, LA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [ollieamy@hotmail.com](mailto:ollieamy@hotmail.com)

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Glynda (Strickland) Reed

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Ellisville, MS

Spouse/Partner: deceased

Children: Steven (1969), Brian (1972)  
Michael (1979)

Employer: retired

Email: glyndareed@gmail.com

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After graduating in 1962, I studied at Bowling Green, Kentucky for two years and returned to Laurel. I met and married James Reed in 1966. We lived in Shady Grove for 8 years and had our sons Steven and Brian. In 1974, James was made Vice President of the Laurel Federal Savings and Loan Association in Forest, Ms and we moved up there where we lived for 28 years. Our youngest son, Michael, was born while we were in Forest. All three of our sons chose USM as their University of choice, so in 2001, we moved to Ellisville where James became Bank President of Bancorpsouth. During this time I was mostly a stay at home Mom but retired from Mississippi State Extension Service in 2009. My oldest son, Steven, and my youngest son, Michael, are both optometrists practicing in Magee. My middle son, Brian, works at Cox Media in Pensacola, Florida. My beloved husband of 45 years passed away in June of 2011 of a massive heart attack. I keep myself busy with my six grandchildren, gardening, reading and sewing. I remember being so painfully shy in high school but the years have erased that and now I can actually carry on a conversation with a post.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Carolyn (Stringer) Touchstone

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: latrelle

Children: Carol (1965), Gerald(1966)

Employer: retired from the Jones Co.  
Health Dept.

Email: latrelletouchstone@att.net

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After high school-one year of college- married Latrelle-two children and four grandchildren--

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Jan Summers**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Martha (Swartz) Murphy**

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Pelham, AL

Spouse/Partner: Don Murphy

Children: gene (35) and Jeff (42);  
grandsons; Garrett(7) and Jackson  
(12)

Employer: retired High School  
teacher / librarian

Email: marthamurphy@bellsouth.net

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Patsy (Tanner) Robertson

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner: Howard Robertson

Children: Shari (1967), John Howard Robertson (1970)

Employer: Doris Tanner's Flowers, Inc.

Email: sharishelby@bellsouth.net

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After graduating from Laurel High School and Jones County Jr. College, I graduated from the University of Southern Ms in Nov. 1965, with a BS degree in Elementary Education. November was a difficult time of year to find a teaching position, so I began working "temporarily" with my mother, who had just opened her new florist, Doris Tanner's Flowers, Inc. My father, a US Marine was killed in Okinawa during WW II when I was 11 months old. Mother didn't remarry until I was 27, therefore we have an especially close relationship. I met Howard Robertson from Ellisville while attending JCJC. We married New Year's Day, 1966. Talk about "opposites attracting!" He was a country boy and I was a city girl! He was one of 12 and I was an only child! Howard worked for MS Power Co for 7 years, owned Laurel Air-conditioning for 12 years, taught air-conditioning at JCJC and was Director of Maintenance for the Laurel School District for 25 years. Presently, he is semi-retired (A/C) and enjoys collecting classic cars. Howard and I still live in Jones County, as do our children and their families. I am blessed to still work in the florist with my mother who is 88 years young and also my daughter. Howard and I have two children- daughter, Shari Robertson Shelby, office manager at our florist, and son, John Howard Robertson, a computer consultant. We have 7 grandchildren and a new granddaughter-in-law! Our oldest grandsons are twins and attend Mississippi State University! Our hobbies include classic cars, classic car auctions, camping and vacationing with family. Of course, we keep busy attending all of our grandchildren's special events! We are active members of West Laurel United Methodist Church.

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Byron Thornton**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: ladybugsmama@netzero.com

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

## **Diane (Tibbett) Whatley**

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Argyle, TX

Spouse/Partner: Widowed

Children: Lance (1969), Savanne (1973)

Employer: Retired

Email: [cdwhatley@aol.com](mailto:cdwhatley@aol.com)

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After graduating from Laurel High School, I graduated with a BS Degree in Ele. ED. from MSCW. In the summer of 1965, I worked in Yellowstone National Park and met Bill Whatley from Tucson, AZ. We were married in Dallas, TX in 1966. We had two children, Lance and Savanne. Bill was a commercial pilot, which gave our family many opportunities to travel. I have lived in the Dallas area for the last 46 yrs. In 1976, I graduated from Texas Woman's University, with a BS in Nursing. I worked in the hospital for five years and 20 yr. as a Account Manager for Cigna Health Care. My husband, Bill, passed away after 42 years of marriage. A couple of years ago, I was reunited with my high school sweetheart, Corky Lott, whose wife had also passed away. Since that time, we have enjoyed traveling together and spending time with his 3 grandchildren and my 3 grandchildren. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion!

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Anne Tomlinson**

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Bangladesh,  
INDIA

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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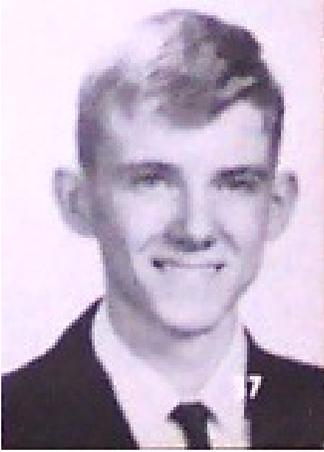
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Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**John Tomlinson**

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Knoxville, TN

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:  
jtomlinson11725@comcast.net

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Terry Tullos**

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Ellisville, MS

Spouse/Partner: Marda Perdue  
Tullos

Children: Kris (1967), Kimberly  
(1969), Zack (1986)

Employer: Retired from McKesson  
Corporation

Email: [tatullos@yahoo.com](mailto:tatullos@yahoo.com)

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Attended Miss. College, J.C., Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and Southern Miss. Married to Marda Perdue Tullos since 2007. Three kids - daughter Kris Tullos, Exec. V.P. NationsBank in Charlotte, N.C. (UPDATE)...Kris just moved to San Diego and continues to work for NationsBank. She drove from Charlotte to San Diego last week with Duke, her Golden Retriever; daughter Kim Kash, Marketing Director, Nationsbank, Charlotte, N.C., and her husband Mike; step-son Zach Williams - Sequel Server Database Admin. - Database Solutions in Mobile, Al. Kim has given us two neat grandchildren - son Drew Kash, 9 and daughter Lindsey Kash - 5. After a delayed graduation in 1968, I began my life time career working in Computer Data Processing/Information Systems. Starting with Masonite in Laurel, I worked for 8 years as a programmer and systems analyst with IBM mainframes and completed 17 Technical Certificates with IBM in New Orleans and Jackson during that time. In 1980, I moved to Atlanta to accept a position as a Senior Project Manager with McDonnell Douglas Corporation. I subsequently worked for several companies in the Atlanta area that developed computers and software for the Medical Industry. I travelled extensively for 15 years managing the implementation of systems in Hospitals and Physicians offices across the U.S., until settling with McKesson Corporation in the Corporate Offices in Atlanta as a Communications Division Manager. In 2001, I left Atlanta and moved to Ellisville following the death my Dad to help my Mother deal with her failing health. Retired from McKesson Corporation in 2009. Hobbies include music, canoeing, camping and cooking. Marda and I live in Ellisville with 3 dogs (Spooky, Buddy and Freckles) and a cat named Shannon.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Elaine (Vick) Read**

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Quitman, MS

Spouse/Partner: William Harold Read

Children: Stacey (1969), Jason (1971), Greg (1975), five grandchildren

Employer: Retired with State of MS

Email: whread@bellsouth.net

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After finishing JCJC, I worked in Laurel before marrying William Harold Read of Bay Springs. After coaching a few years, William became park manager at Clarkco State Park in Quitman. This led to my job as office manager at Clarkco for 32 years. By living in the park, we had the ideal place to rear our three children: Stacey, Sarasota, FL, Jason, Monroe, LA, and Greg, Sarasota, FL. I retired in 2007. We enjoy traveling, visiting our five grandchildren and being a community volunteer in Quitman. God has truly blessed us.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Adele Wallace**

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Metairie, LA

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [awallac1@hotmail.com](mailto:awallac1@hotmail.com)

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After retiring twice from teaching, I put my chalk away and gave my final lesson in 2010. My hobbies now include traveling, enjoying the sunsets on the beach in Destin, sailing and spending time with family and friends. I lived in the French Quarter in New Orleans for over 40 years and that came to an end in July 2011. I spend my time now in an apartment in Old Metairie and my home in Laurel.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**John Wallace, Dr.**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: [jmw@jeffersonmedical.net](mailto:jmw@jeffersonmedical.net)

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Ole Miss Pharmacy grad, '68 U. Tenn Medical '78 employed Jefferson Medical in Laurel since 1983.

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Richard Walley**

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Spouse/Partner:

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Children:

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Employer:

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Email:

**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Wayne Walters**

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Hattiesburg, MS

Spouse/Partner: Cheryl L. Walters

Children: Phillip (1970), Kristy (1973),  
Jonathan (1985), Susanna (1989)

Employer: Grace Community School

Email: [wpwbigdaddy@aol.com](mailto:wpwbigdaddy@aol.com)

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Graduated Miss. State in 1966. Met and married Cheryl Langerfeld (MSU grad-1968) when she finished school. She is a native of Starkville. We have four children and eleven grandchildren. Phillip, our oldest, and his wife Carol live in Monroe, LA and have six of the eleven. Kristy, our oldest daughter, and her husband Nathan live in Birmingham and have the other five. Jonathan, our youngest son, and his wife Gabrielle live in Purvis, MS. Susanna, our youngest is still at home. Most of the boys in the area have heard that her daddy has a shotgun, a shovel and an acre of land behind the house. We spent thirty one years in Laurel and then moved to Cape Coral, FL. We stayed there for seven years. We then moved to Hattiesburg where we now live. In the mid 1970's until the early 1990's I was involved in party politics. I ran for local public office four times and was elected three of the times. I got involved in helping in state-wide and national campaigns. I became a real political junkie. I have since become for the most part totally apolitical. I watch with disgust and amusement. I rarely vote but do make it a point to vote when a local bond election is held. I vote against any and all bond issues. I haven't decided yet what to do with my old Gran Torino and you better stay off my lawn.

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

**Jimmy Waltman, Jr.**

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Jackson, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Carolyn (Wash) Brown

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**  
**Class of 1962**  
**Cindy Watlington**

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Athens, GA

Spouse/Partner: Rick Kopp

Children:

Employer: Artist/Retired

Email: [cindy.watlington@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.watlington@gmail.com)

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I'm sad that we won't be able to join you at the reunion. I'd love to hear your stories firsthand, but, thankfully, the website will help us all catch up. Since I can't be with you in person, I'm writing this account of my life path, which, I'm happy to say, has been rich and fulfilling. I'm grateful that we spent our high school days in a time when life was simpler. Of course, we were teenagers with angst and dramas, but there seemed to be more breathing room for learning and growing back then. And who might we be without the excellent education provided by stellar teachers like Miss Alexander, Miss Bailey, Miss Mobberly, Mrs. Fairley, and Miss Satterfield. These dedicated educators opened my mind to the discovery of new learning, something I've embraced and enjoyed all my life. Even more important than the academic learning, were the daily "life lessons" that helped build my life, relationships, and priorities. I didn't always have the maturity to appreciate those experiences then, but I've learned to value them so much over the years. Thanks to all of you who contributed to my life through your friendships and your own special wisdom ... it was truly a gift. The delight of my life is spending it with my soulmate, best friend, and husband, Rick Kopp. Rick and I met in 1976, were married in 1978, and have been blissfully together ever since. Rick is a branding strategist who's been the chief marketing officer for corporations, founded creative agencies, and launched popular products and brands. He continues to consult occasionally in retirement. My own working career was divided into three arenas ... education, business, and art. I graduated from USM, moved to Atlanta, got my Master's degree from Georgia State University, and began a career in Special Education. As a teacher, I pioneered several regional pilot programs. Subsequently, I served in leadership roles as a Special Education Administrator in Georgia and, later, in Colorado. As a State Dept. of Education Consultant, I coordinated a federal landmark project to assess teacher competency in the state of Georgia. I was also an Educational Consultant to a major entertainment complex. Over time, I became increasingly curious about what the rest of the world was doing and left education to begin a career in marketing at Southern Bell. I then moved to AT&T, where I was an Account Executive and later was invited to join the Vice President's Regional Headquarters staff. There, as a Regional Marketing Manager, I designed a seven-state organizational restructure and an "executive buyout" program. I was also a corporate spokesperson; chaired a variety of marketing boards and councils; and created executive training programs, industry seminars, and marketing publications. Eventually, at 40, wanting to be creative in a new way, I left AT&T, went to jewelry school, and created my own jewelry line, an entrepreneurial venture that evolved into an international jewelry business. My art was sold in galleries and boutiques in Europe, Asia, and throughout the USA. After 20 busy years in Atlanta, Rick and I needed "time off for good behavior" and moved to Boulder, Colorado for an adventure. We restored a vintage log lodge by a river and spent several years peacefully living in the mountains. During this time, I created an internationally-distributed personal development product, ultimately selling reprint rights to a leading distributor. When we both went back to work, Rick joined the emerging dotcom world and I returned to a second career in Special Educational Administration – retiring in 2009. The adventure in Colorado lasted 19 years. After retirement, we came home to the South and moved to Athens, Georgia, a

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Christy (Wells) Irby**

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Laurel, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Mary (Wilby) Wilson

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Fairhope, AL

Spouse/Partner:

Children: Christina (1969), Randall (1970)

Employer: University of South Alabama

Email: [savan120@msn.com](mailto:savan120@msn.com)

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I graduated with a B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi and received a Masters in Library Science at Ole Miss (Mrs. Dickey must be turning over in her grave). Some years later I earned a Ph.D. in Administration of Higher Education from Ole Miss. Years ago, one former classmate fell over laughing when she heard that - as I barely graduated high school! I began my career as a classroom teacher, served as a library supervisor for two large school districts in Mississippi and ended up teaching at the University of Southern Mississippi until my Mississippi retirement in 1997. Other Mississippi positions included Director of Education for Mississippi Educational Television and the Director of the Teaching Learning Resource Center and the IVN Distance Learning Network at USM. After a divorce and a first retirement, I moved to Sardinia, Italy for five years to work as an information specialist and technology teacher for the Department of Defense Schools. My next school assignment was in Aviano, Italy, outside of Venice, where I spent four years. In 2005, heeding the call of grandchildren, I returned and settled in Fairhope, Alabama. Failing retirement again, I now teach online educational media courses at the University of South Alabama, write educational grants, dabble in Web design, and consult. I have two children Christy Tynes Gustin (1969) and Randall Tynes (1970) who live nearby in Mobile and Biloxi and six adorable grandchildren ages 4-21. I love living in Fairhope, in a unique village atmosphere. My hobbies include traveling, being with family, friends, reading, and volunteering.

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Dick Wilcox**

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Oxford, MS

Spouse/Partner: Sallye

Children: Russell (1967) Lou Ann (1970) Grant (1970) Stacey (1972)

Employer: Retired

Email: dickwilcox@ms.metrocast.net

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After Ole Miss graduation I worked in film production before becoming Communication Director at Mississippi's State Chamber of Commerce. Then moved to Millsaps College for two years work in communication and PR. In 1972 began 20-yr career with International Paper Company which included lobbying work at Capitols in SE states and in Washington DC. Later shifted to role on senior corporate staff to teach managers coast to coast the skills of both crisis and regular employee communication. Departed paper company in '92 and became president of a political research organization which guided the election campaign involvement of Mississippi's business and professional community. Our State's 30 largest business and professional associations worked under our "tent" at election time . . . very interesting work! Retired from BIPEC in 2007. Married Sallye in 1981 to blended two families into one and we enjoy 11 grandchildren under age 15. Sold home in Madison, MS and in July 2011 moved to Oxford, MS and began building our "last" home. Moved into new Oxford home May 2012. Enjoying new and old friends around all the activities of this neat college town. Still fishing and playing golf with Bird Legs Crumbley...something sarted in 1960. The Laurel and Gardier HS experiences provided the foundation for what has been a great and wonderful ride through my life. Wouldn't change a thing...well, maybe one or two! Thanks to each of you for showing me what friendship and caring is all about.

Laurel High School  
Class of 1962  
**Sherry (Williams) Cruz**

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San Antonio, TX

Spouse/Partner: Gilbert Cruz

Children: David Honea (1968), Mary Honea Tubilleja (1971)

Employer: Self-employed, The Pampered Chef

Email: [pampchefsherry@satx.rr.com](mailto:pampchefsherry@satx.rr.com)

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After graduating from the Univ of Miss School of Nursing in 1966, I moved around a bit, went to grad school in Wash, DC and Gainesville, Fla. Both children were born in Florida, then they grew up mostly in western North Carolina. When I left North Carolina in 1984, I made several job stops before settling in San Antonio in 1986. Guess most people would consider me a Texan now! I moved out of employment in the health care field after I started my own business with The Pampered Chef, and I feel like I have been semi-retired for several years already, because I have so much fun with my business. My husband has just retired this spring and plans to play a lot of golf and do some serious hunting in the fall. Since I don't enjoy either of those activities, I'll probably keep my business going for a while longer, while we plan all the trips we've been putting on our bucket list!

Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Anne (Wilson) Johnson

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Byram, MS

Spouse/Partner: Jim

Children: Stacey Knepple, Shelley A. Niktafar

Employer:

Email: [annekwjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:annekwjohnson@yahoo.com)

**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Randy Witt**

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Deatsville, AL

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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Laurel High School

Class of 1962

## Jacquelyn (Wright) Walters

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Laurel, MS.

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email:

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**Laurel High School**

**Class of 1962**

**Eloise (Yelverton) Cooley**

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Ellisville, MS

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

Employer:

Email: