

# **Corunna High School**

## **Class of 1955**

**Updated 6-11-2023**

# 34 – 1955 Corunna Graduates

**\*Dale Aurand**

**\*Faye Baker**

**\*Coleen Beamish**

Sharon Bedford

**\*Phillip Bendall**

Nancy Birdsall

Phillip Brooks

Ronnie Clark

George Davis

Theodore Evans

Patricia Flynn

**\*Betty Gasek**

Darlene Hayes

**\*Harry Havelhurst**

Lee Janssen

Janet Jones

Don Lashaway

**\*Joe Libra**

Sue Linabury

**\*Jerald Lounsbury**

Betty Mauldin

Richard Mehig

Shirley Melrose

Joann Parkinson

**\*Beverly Rhoads**

Kenneth Robinson

Miller Ross

Sue Rumery

**\*Jacqueline Schooley**

Jayne Strawsine

Harold Swan

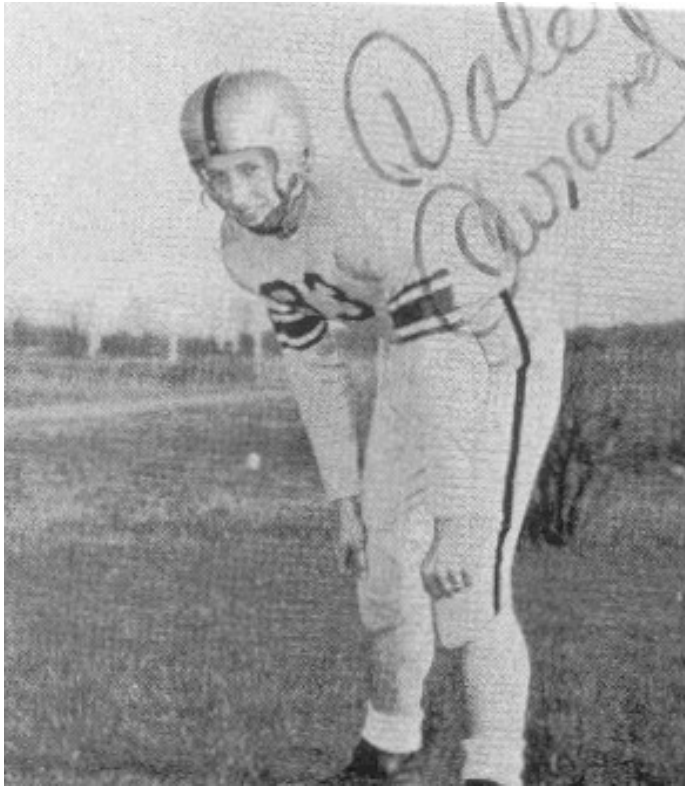
**\*Shirley Taylor**

**\*Yvonne Tinklepaugh**

**\*Gerald Taylor**

**\*Deceased - 13**

**Dale S. Aurand**  
**1-29-1937**  
**Deceased 2-5-2023**



**Faye Baker (55)**  
**12-10-1955**

1955



**Dale S. Aurand**  
**1-29-1937**  
**Deceased 2-5-2023**



**Faye Baker (55)**  
**12-10-1955**

**1955**

Dale Stewart Aurand, 86, of Owosso, passed away at Memorial Healthcare on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 11:00am at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Corunna Chapel. Pastor Terry Euper will celebrate with burial to follow in Fremont Cemetery. The Aurand family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, May 5, from 2:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm, and 10:00am-11:00am Saturday, May 6.

Dale was born on January 29, 1937, in Durand, Michigan to the late Clifton A. and Helen E. (Mix) Aurand. He graduated from Corunna High School in the class of 1955 and that same year he married the late Faye Marie Baker at Corunna United Methodist Church. Together they raised three children, Deborah, Gregory, and Linda. Dale was a member of the Owosso First United Methodist Church where he was involved in various roles. Dale started his career at Simplicity Engineering in Durand. He found his niche in the automotive sales industry beginning at Backus Ford in Owosso, was a partner at Egan Ford in St. Johns, and retired with Aurand-Slingerland in Corunna; he worked for Keelean Buick and was also in the mobile home industry for a time. Dale loved anything to do with sports, he played on the church softball league and was his grandchildren's biggest fan. He and Faye enjoyed traveling together to Northern Michigan and Indiana, but especially the annual trips to Florida.

Dale is survived by his children; Deborah (Michael) Taylor of Lansing, Gregory (Nicole) Aurand of New York and Linda Duguay of DeWitt; his grandchildren, Amanda Taylor, Andrea and Alyssa Duguay, Elizabeth (Justin) Pine, Emily and Christian Aurand, his two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Riley, and his brother, James Aurand, sister-in-law Joyce Aurand, Sharon (Dave) Leatherman and Judy (Jeff) Will, also, many nieces and nephews and friend Darlene Ustynek.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Faye, his brother, Kent Aurand, sister-in-law Annella Aurand and great-granddaughter, Samantha Taylor.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Owosso First United Methodist Church or the Salvation Army.



**Faye M. Baker**  
**3-14-1937**  
**Deceased 1-21-2015**



**Dale Aurand (55)**  
**12-10-1955**



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**3-14-1937**  
**Deceased 1-21-2015**

**Dale Aurand (55)**  
**12-10-1955**

1955

**Faye Marie Aurand**

March 14, 1937 - Jan. 21, 2015

Age 77, of Owosso, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at McLaren-Greater Lansing.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Corunna Chapel. The Rev. Calvin Long will be officiating with burial to follow in Fremont Cemetery in Bancroft. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and again Saturday one hour prior to the service.

Faye was born March 14, 1937, in Pontiac to the late Harold and Marie (Luchenbill) Baker. She attended Corunna High School, graduating in 1955, and married her high school sweetheart, Dale Aurand, at the Corunna United Methodist Church that same year on Dec. 10.

She and Dale raised three children together. Faye taught Bible school at the church for a number of years and later became a member of the Owosso First United Methodist Church, where she was involved in various roles.

Faye enjoyed scrapbooking, shopping and traveling. She enjoyed her annual trips to Florida with Dale and trips up north with family. She loved her time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Aurand is survived by her husband of 59 years Dale; children Debbie (Michael) Taylor of Lansing, Gregory D. (Nicole) Aurand of New York and Linda Duguay of DeWitt; grandchildren Amanda and



Elizabeth Taylor, Andrea and Alyssa Duguay, Emily and Christian Aurand; sisters Sharon (David) Leatherman of Owosso and Judy (Jeff) Wills of Lennon; brothers and sisters-in-law Donald Gooding, Kent and Joyce Aurand, and James and Annella Aurand; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Devona Gooding and her great-granddaughter Samantha Taylor.

Memorial contributions given in Mrs. Aurand's name are suggested to the Owosso First United Methodist Church or the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be sent to her family by going to [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com).

**Colleen Beamish**  
**5-6-1937**  
**Deceased 6-6-2023**



**John J. Miros**  
**4-12-1958**



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**5-6-1937**  
**Deceased 6-6-2023**



**John J. Miros**  
**4-12-1958**

Colleen J. Miros, age 86 of Corunna, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso. A funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 11:30 AM on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, 302 West Corunna Ave., Corunna, MI 48817. Interment immediately following at Pine Tree Cemetery. Pastor David McGowan will officiate. The family will receive friends from 4:00 -8:00 PM on Thursday, June 8, 2023 as well as one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Colleen was born May 6, 1937 in Owosso, Michigan to Carl and Eudora (Berry) Beamish. A lifelong resident of Corunna, she graduated from Corunna High School, Class of 1955. She married John J. Miros at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Owosso on April 12, 1958. Together they raised three wonderful children who blessed them with 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She worked for the Shiawassee County Road Commission and retired following more than 30 years of faithful service. She loved shopping from QVC, going camping, attending horse shows, trips to the casino, and spending time with family and friends.

Colleen is survived by her children, Kevin Miros and Rene (Michael) Chmiko; grandchildren, Ashley Conley, Kelsie (Nick) Butcher, Katie (Paige) Miros, Madison (Chad) Sheldon, and Adam Chmiko; great-grandchildren, Ben Butcher and Zeppelin Bowen; son-in-law, Dewey Beacham; siblings, Carolyn Kildea and Phyllis (Wayne) Nesbit; several nieces and nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, John in 2004; her daughter, Lisa Beacham in 2018; and her grandson, Nicolas Beacham in 2008; and brother-in-law, David Kildea.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice House of Shiawassee County, 2005 Copas Rd., Owosso, MI 48867.

**Sharon L. Bedford**  
**12-17-1937**



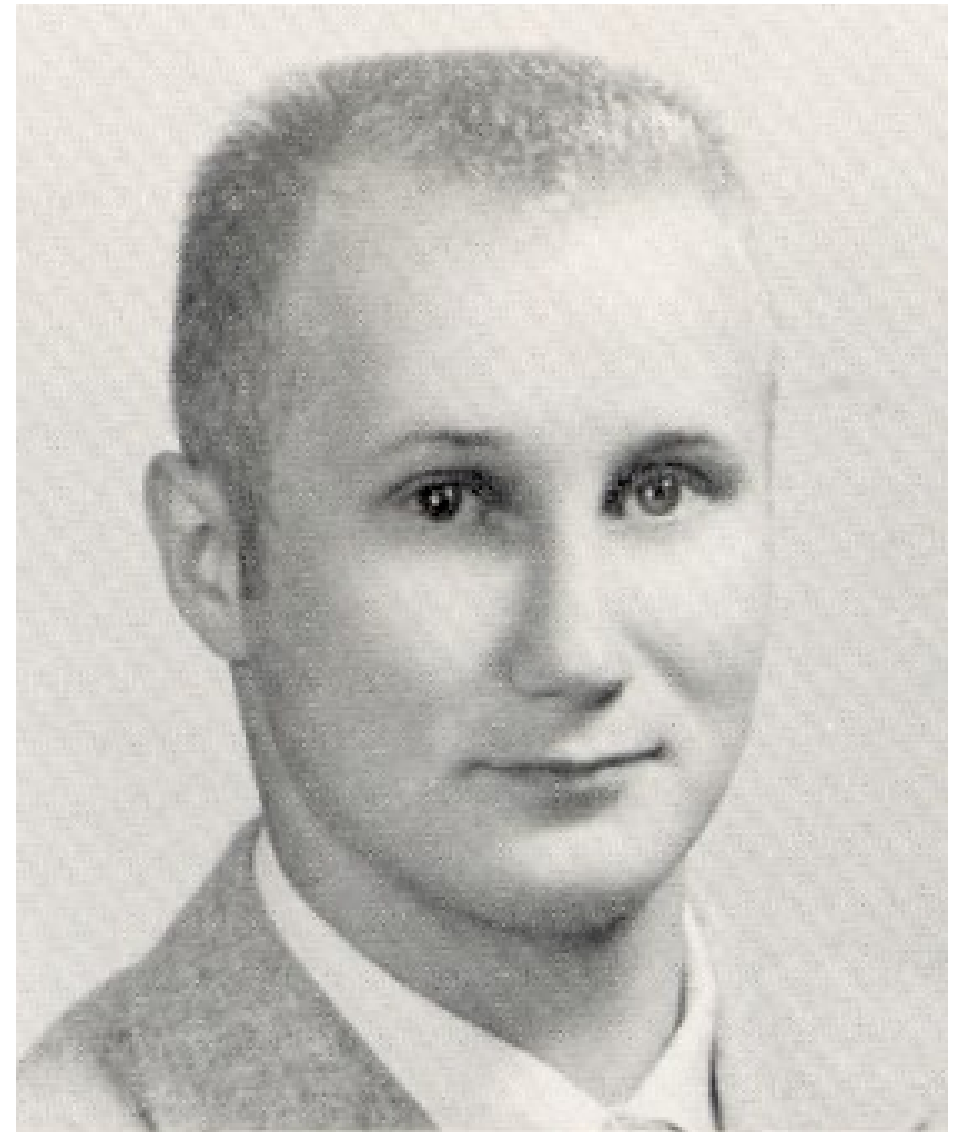
**Herbert Brehmer**

**1955**

**Philip D. Bendall**  
**6-8-1935**  
**Deceased 3-28-2021**



**Marilyn-Kay Lewis**  
**5-5-1962**



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**Philip D. Bendall**  
**6-8-1935**  
**Deceased 3-28-2021**



**Marilyn-Kay Lewis**  
**5-5-1962**

**1955**

**Phillip D. Bendall Sr.**

**Age 85 of Corunna passed away Sunday, March 28, 2021 at McLaren-Flint.**

**Funeral Services will be held 11:00 am Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Nelson-House Funeral Home with Deacon Gary Edington officiating. Burial will follow Pine Tree Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Nelson-House Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

**Phillip was born June 8, 1935 in Corunna, the son of Frank and Lilah (Brandeberry) Bendall.**

**He graduated from Corunna High School, class of 1955 and proudly served in the United States National Guard.**

**Phillip enjoyed doing carpentry, attending his grandchildren's sporting events and playing euchre. Phillip will be remembered for always being willing to give a helping hand to his family and friends.**

**He married Marilyn "Kay" Lewis at St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso on May 5, 1962.**

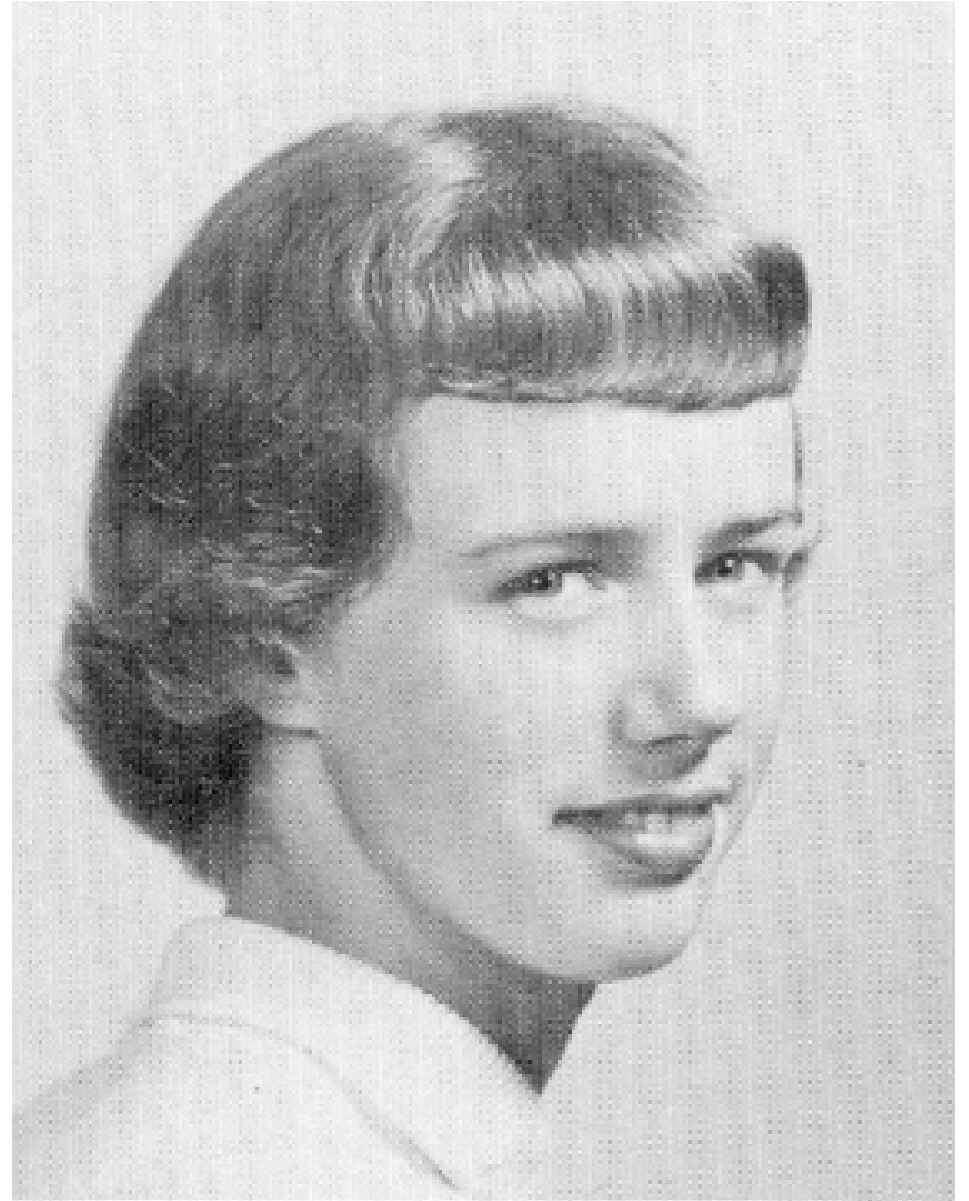
**Phillip retired from Midland Ross after 21 years of service and worked at Valley Lumber for several years.**

**He is survived by his wife; children Angela Chase (Bob Deuster), Susan (Jeff) Arvoy and Phillip (Rachelle) Bendall Jr.; grandchildren Jessica (Jon) Weir, Justin (Hollie) Bendall, Travis Bendall, Brice Bendall and Brent Bendall; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers Dan (Joyce) Bendall, Jerry (Marge) Bendall and John (Mary) Bendall; nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends.**

**He was predeceased by his parents, brother Frank (Rita) Bendall and sister Norma (Gene) Marriage.**



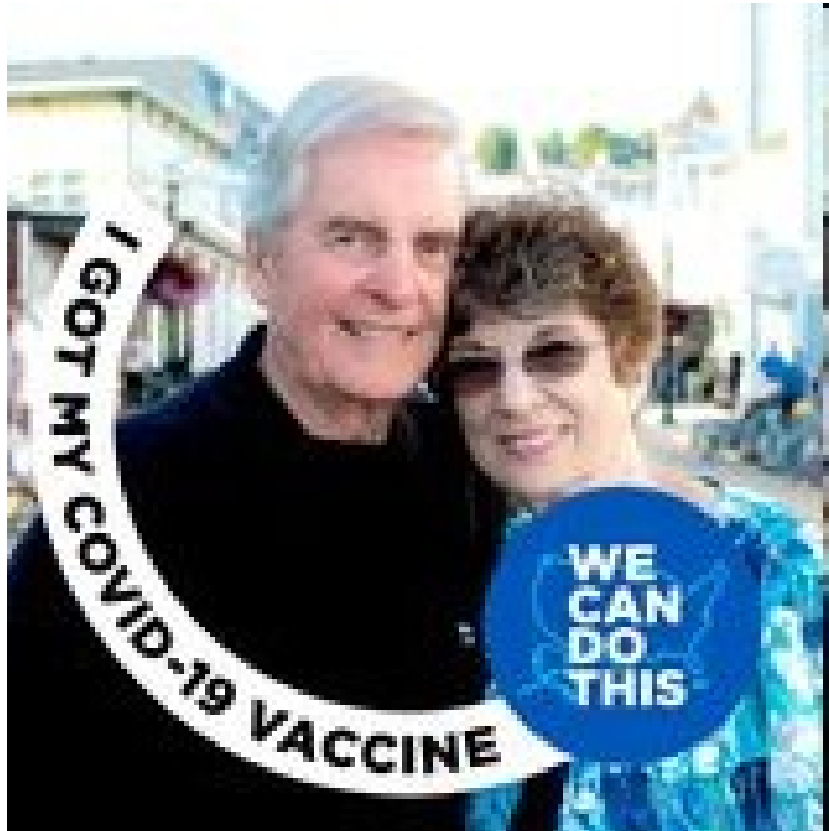
**Nancy K. Birdsall**



**Kenneth Robinson (55)**

**1955**

**Philip L. Brooks**



**Rosie Spaniola (57)**



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# Philip L. Brooks



Rosie Spaniola (57)

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## Corunna grad will join grid Hall of Fame

Michigan high  
school football  
coaches will induct  
Phil Brooks

Argus-Press

4-10-05

Corunna High graduate Philip Brooks, who has coached high school football for 24 years, will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches' Association Hall of Fame April 16 in Ann Arbor.

Brooks, a 1955 Corunna grad who now lives in Benton Harbor, has coached varsity football at Lake Michigan Catholic High School in St. Joseph since 1992. He owns a 24-year high school coaching record of 144-88-6.

Over the years, Brooks has also coached high school football at Corunna, Lansing Resurrection, Lansing Monsignor Gabriels High School and East Lansing High School.

He also served as head football coach at Alma College from 1971 through 1990. At Alma College, Brooks compiled a record of 98-84, winning Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) titles in 1971, 1972 and 1988.

Brooks served as assistant at Eastern Michigan University in 1991.

"This is a great honor," said Brooks when contacted by telephone Friday night. "We've had a lot of consistency over the years and I've had a lot of good assistant coaches and I've really had good kids who have worked very, very hard. You can't have a good football team without good kids who are willing to work hard."

Added the coach, "And I would also like to thank my wife, Rose, who is a 1957 graduate of Corunna High School."

Brooks has served as principal, athletic director and head football coach at Lake Michigan Catholic High School.

"This will probably be my last year," said Brooks. "I'm looking at retiring in June."

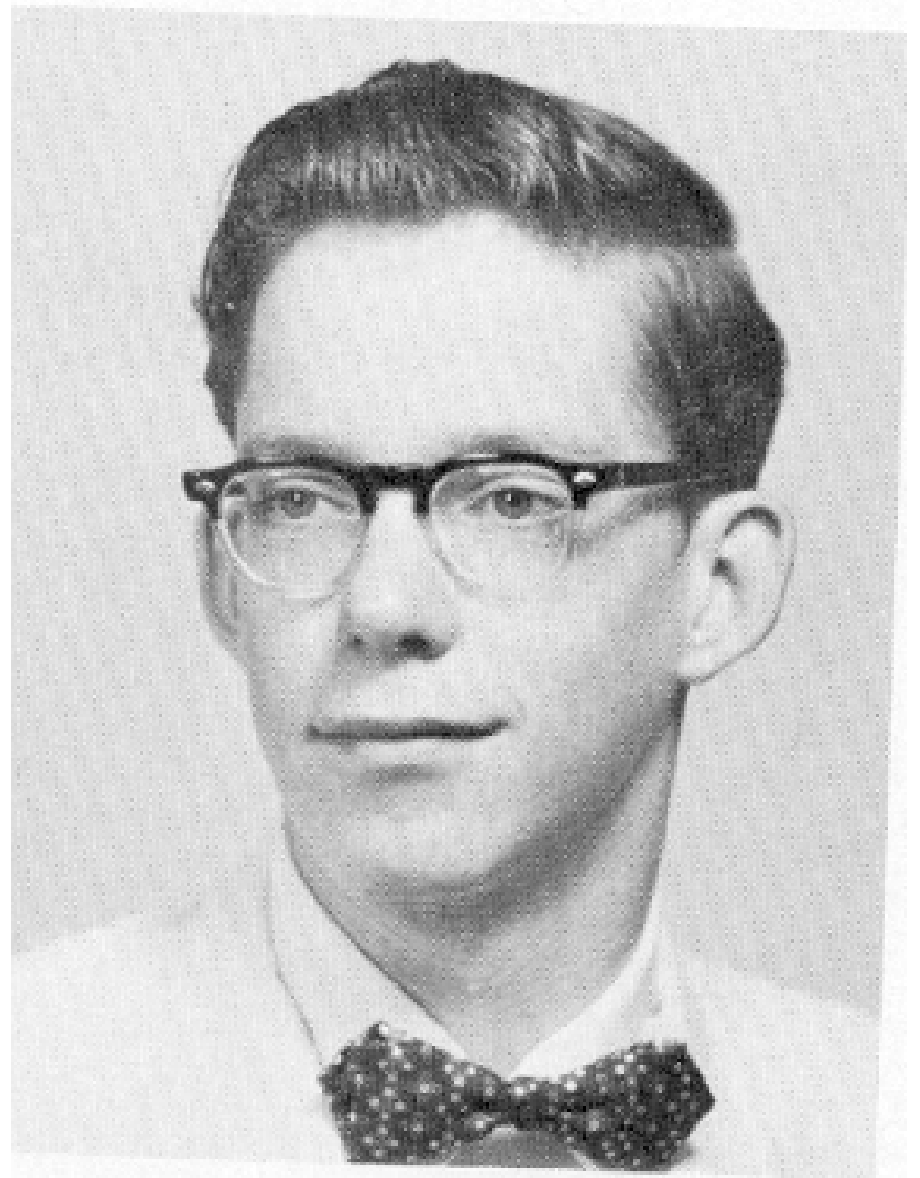
Brooks served as a varsity assistant for Charles Alexander and junior varsity head coach at Corunna in 1960 and 1961.

In 1962, he coached Lansing Resurrection High School to a 7-1 record and helped lead the school to the Capitol Circuit title.

In 1963, he began coaching at Lansing Monsignor Gabriels High School — now known as Lansing Catholic Central. Brooks compiled a record of 35-12-3 from 1963-68. In 1965, he led the team to a league crown and the team finished second in the state poll in Class B.

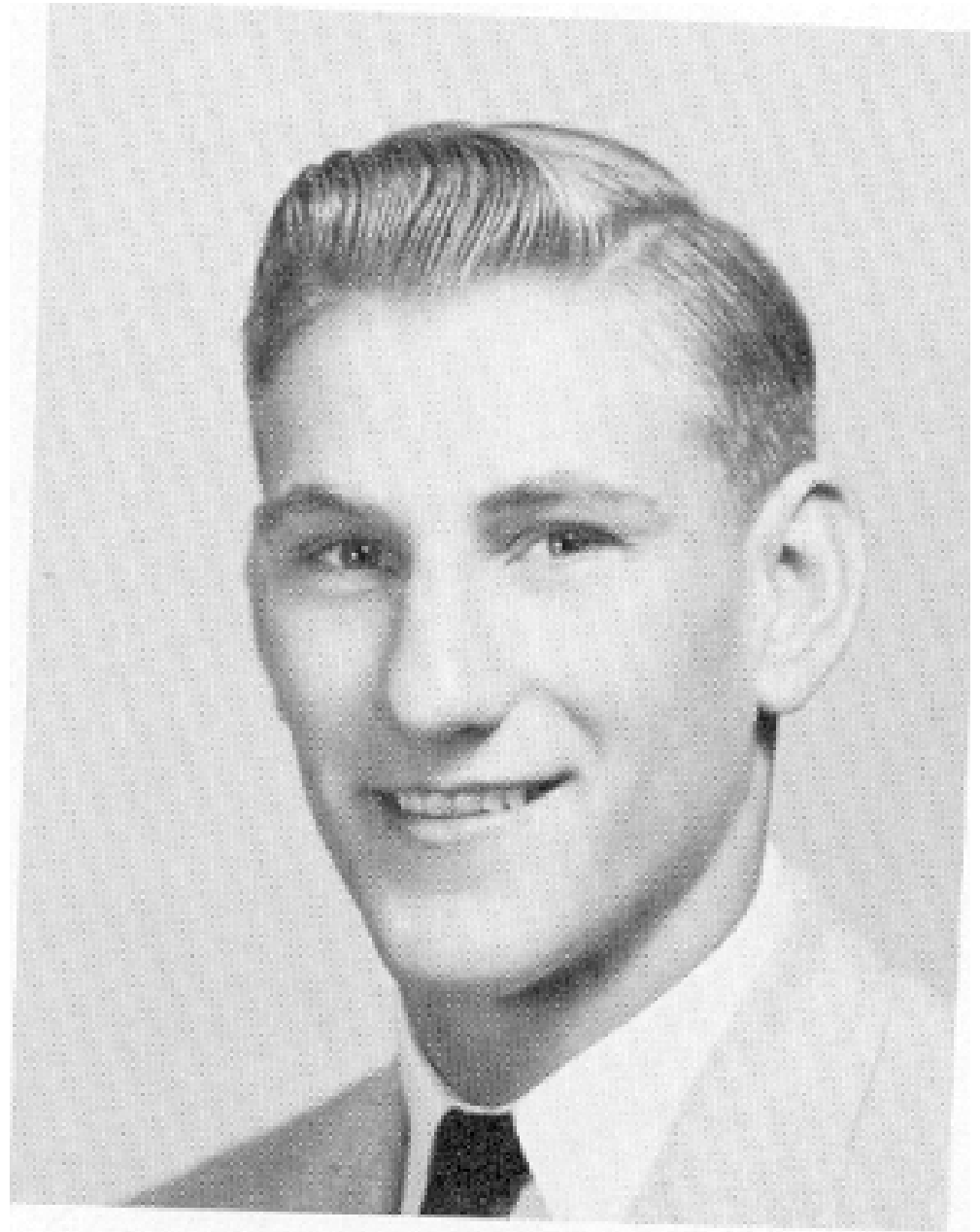
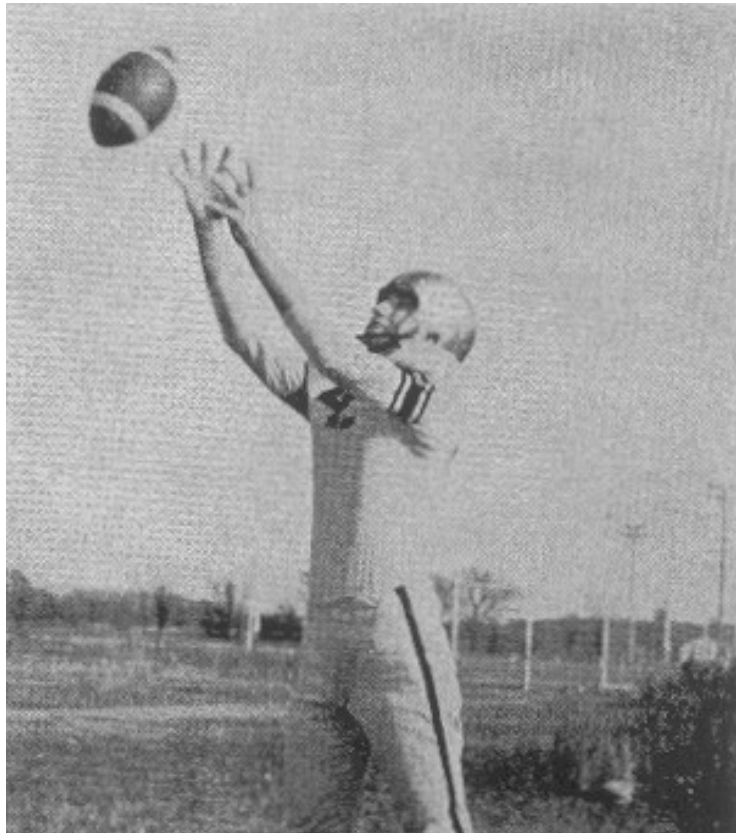
Brooks then moved on to coach varsity football at East Lansing High School in 1969 and 1970 with a record of 8-8-2. Along the way, East Lansing won a South Central Conference championship.

**Ronnie C. Clark**



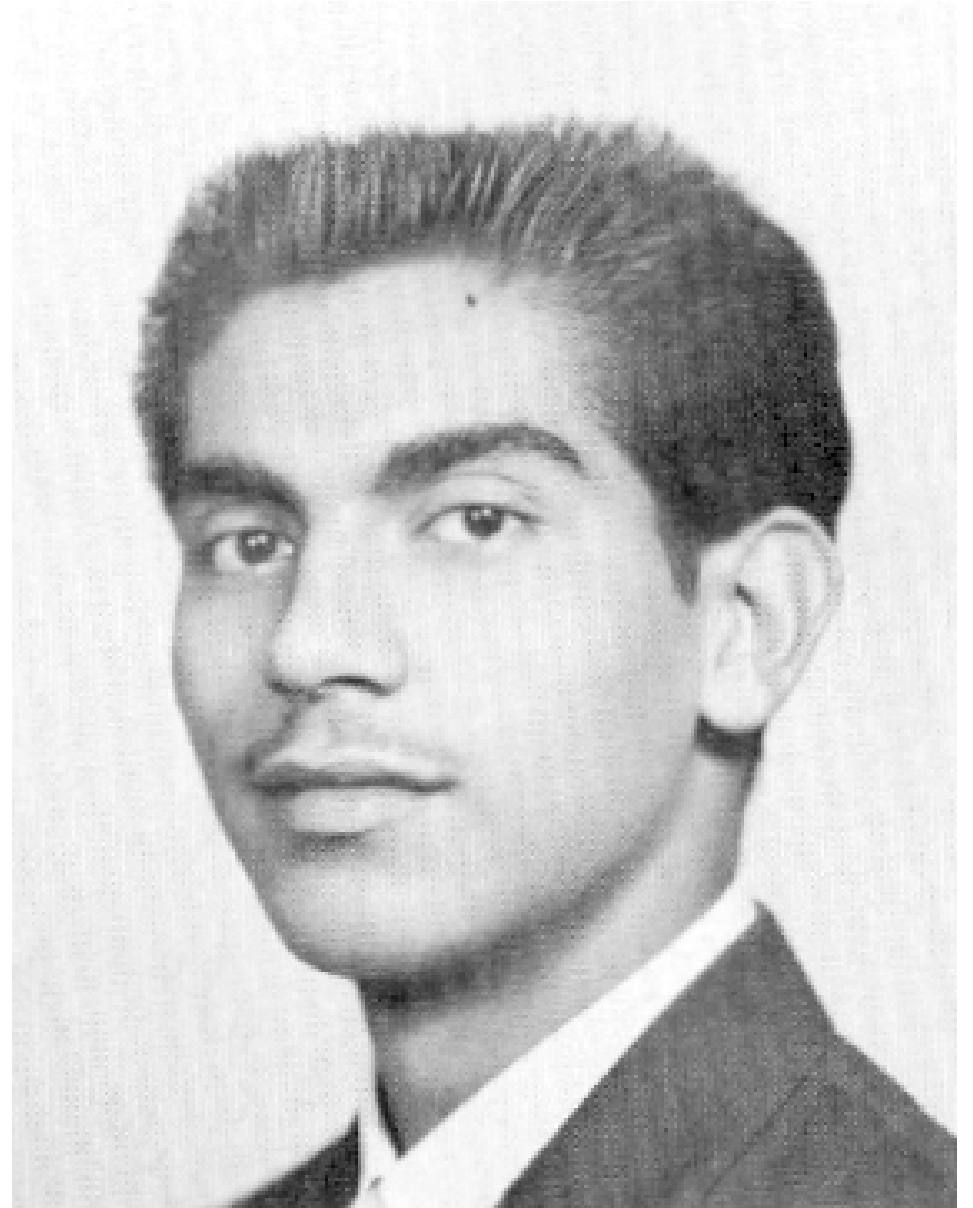
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**George W. Davis**



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**Theodore J. Evans**



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**Patricia J. Flynn**

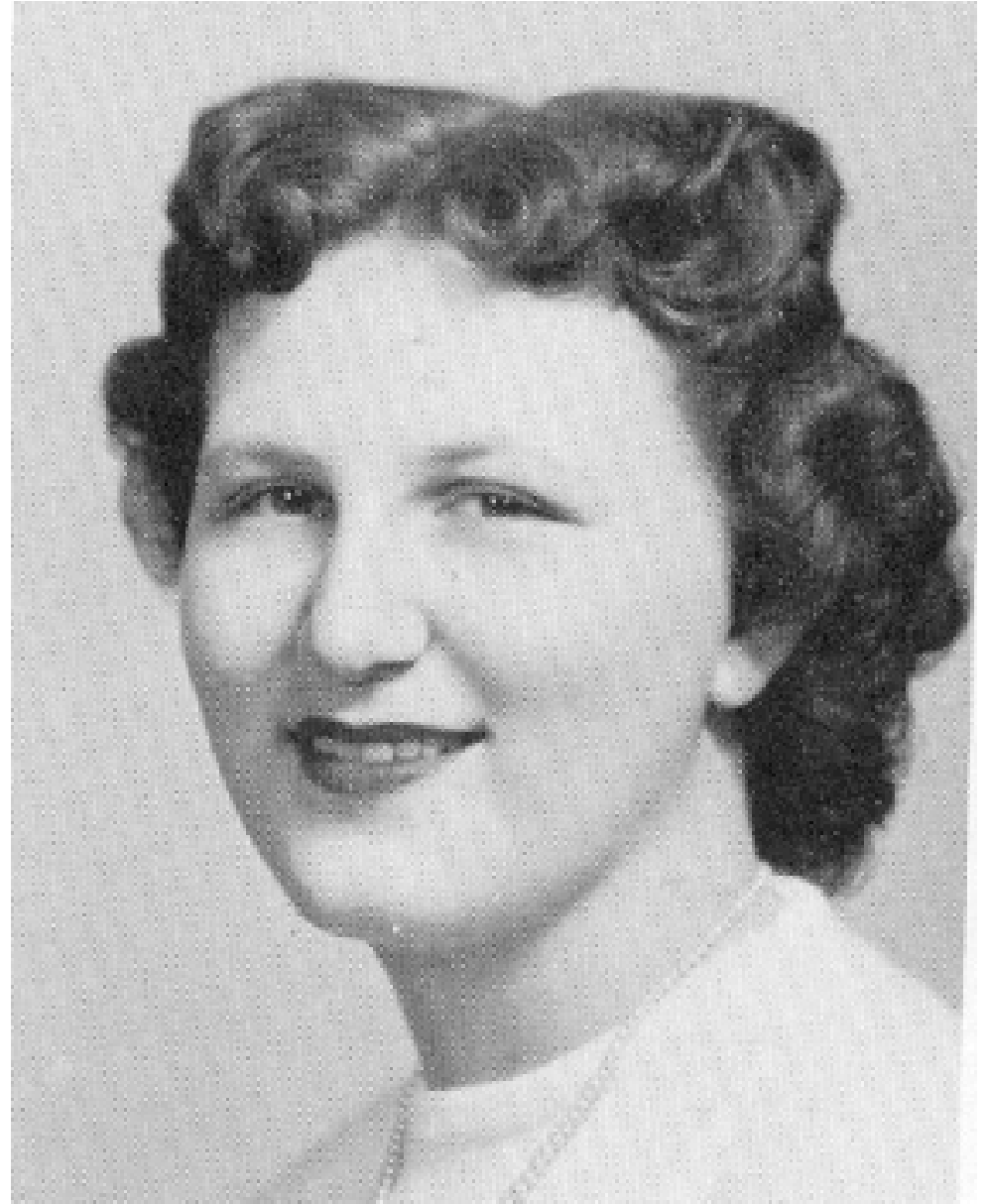


**Raymond Patrauskas**

**1955**



**Betty J. Gasek**  
**8-10-1937**  
**Deceased 2-10-2018**



**Gary C. Doane**  
**1-6-1960**

**1955**

**Betty J. Gasek**  
**8-10-1937**  
**Deceased 2-10-2018**



**Gary C. Doane**  
**1-6-1960**

**Betty Jane Doane**

**Age 80 of Owosso passed away Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Sparrow Health Systems.**

**A graveside service will be held at a later date.**

**Betty was born August 10, 1937, the daughter of Jerry Gasek and Mary (Gall) Gasek.**

**She was a graduate of Corunna High School, class of 1955 and married Gary Charles Doane at St. Joseph Catholic Church on January 16, 1960; he predeceased her on June 23, 2017.**

**Betty enjoyed playing cards, trips to the casino and spending time with Cha Cha!!**

**She was employed through the years at GTE, Midwest Abrasive, JCPenney's and American Aerosol.**

**Betty is survived by her daughter Michele Doane; son Kevin Doane; grandson Aaron Doane; nephew Garry Gasek; her beloved dog Cha Cha and other loving family and friends.**

**She was predeceased by her parents, husband Gary and 3 brothers.**

**Memorial contributions are suggested to the Shiawassee County Humane Society.**

## Darlene J. Hayes



Courtesy Photo

**DARLENE USTYNEK** chose Good Friday, 1999, as her final work day with Hope's Hallmark in downtown Owosso. Darlene (maiden name Hayes) and her husband, Frank, will now have more time to spend with their children in Michigan and Georgia. She also plans to increase her already busy volunteer schedule with added time for her church and Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility (Pleasant View). Darlene started her work career with Cunningham Drug Store in the same building from which she retired. When she was 16, you could find her behind the Cunningham counter making ice cream sodas at the corner of Main and Washington streets. Hope's Hallmark was been in business for more than 20 years and is Owosso's only Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

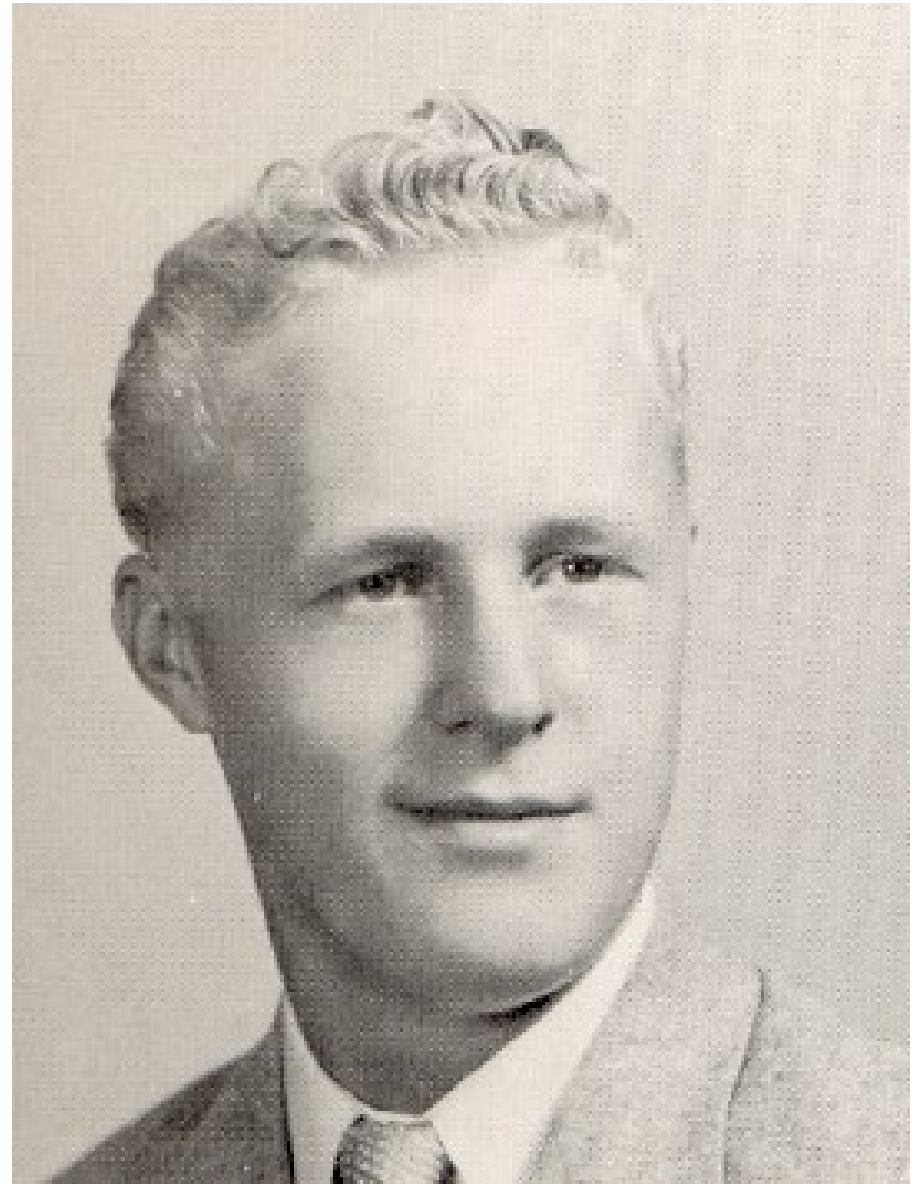
## Frank Ustynek



**Harry H. Hevelhurst**  
**Deceased 1995**

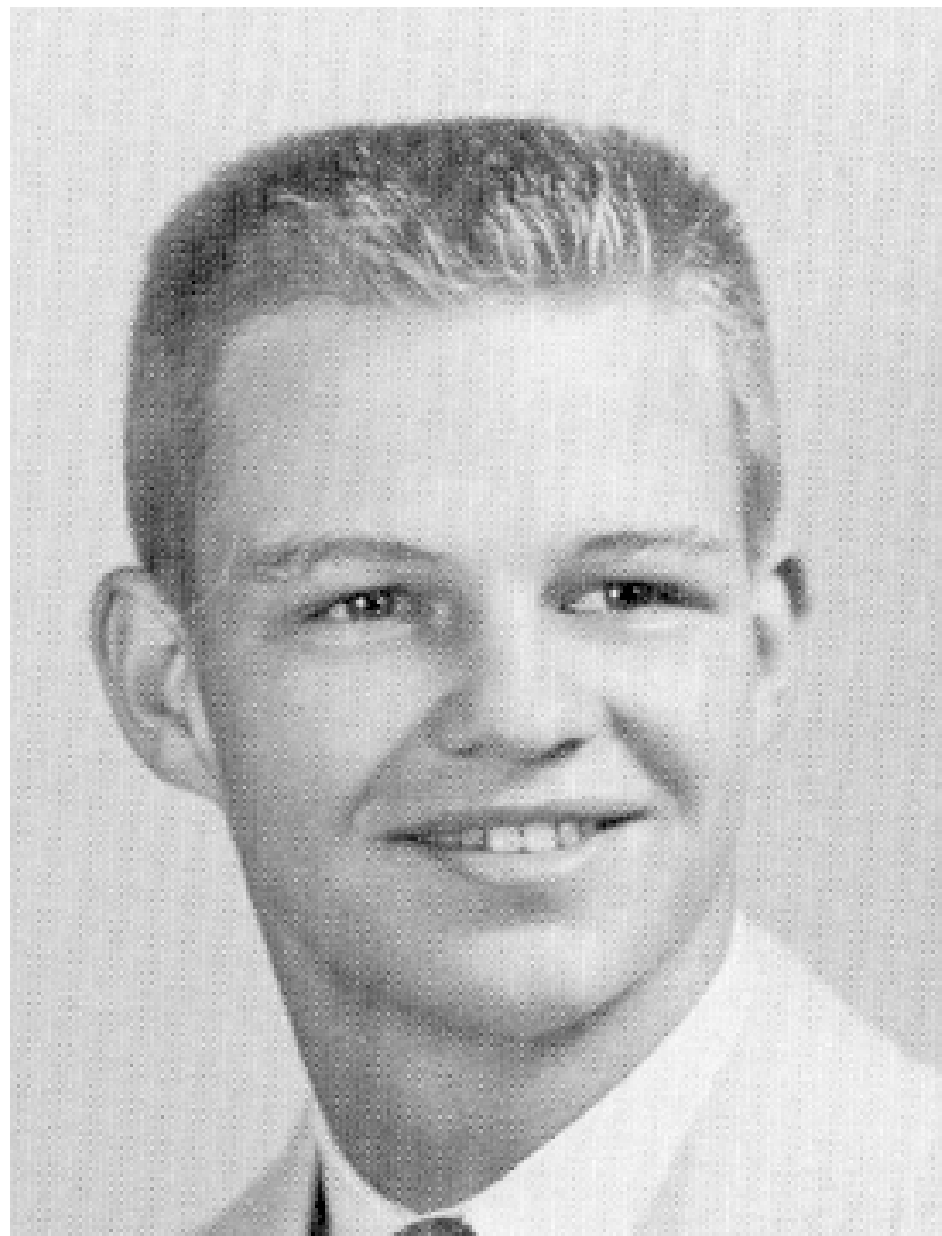


**Jackie Schroeder**



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**Lee H. Janssen**  
**11-26-1937**



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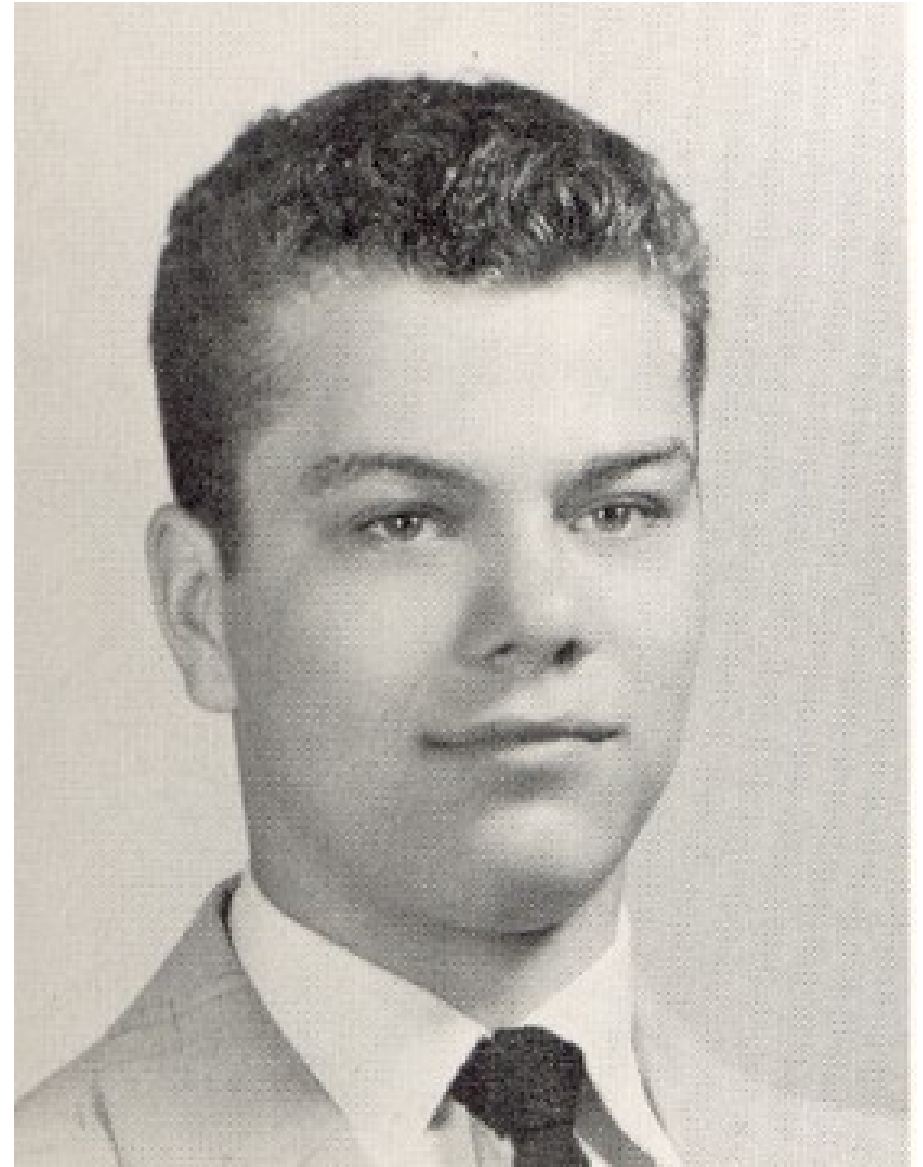
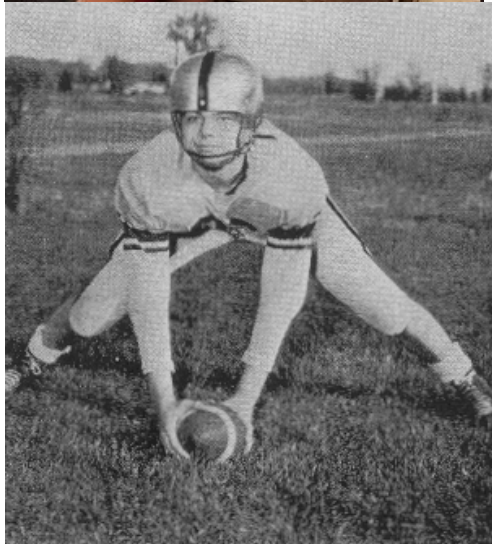


**Janet R. Jones**



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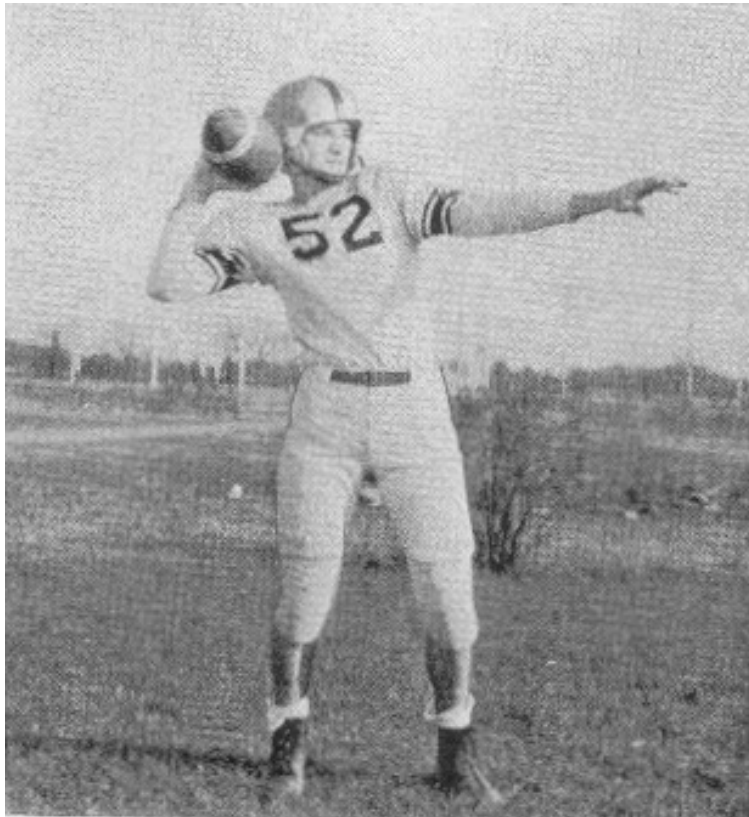
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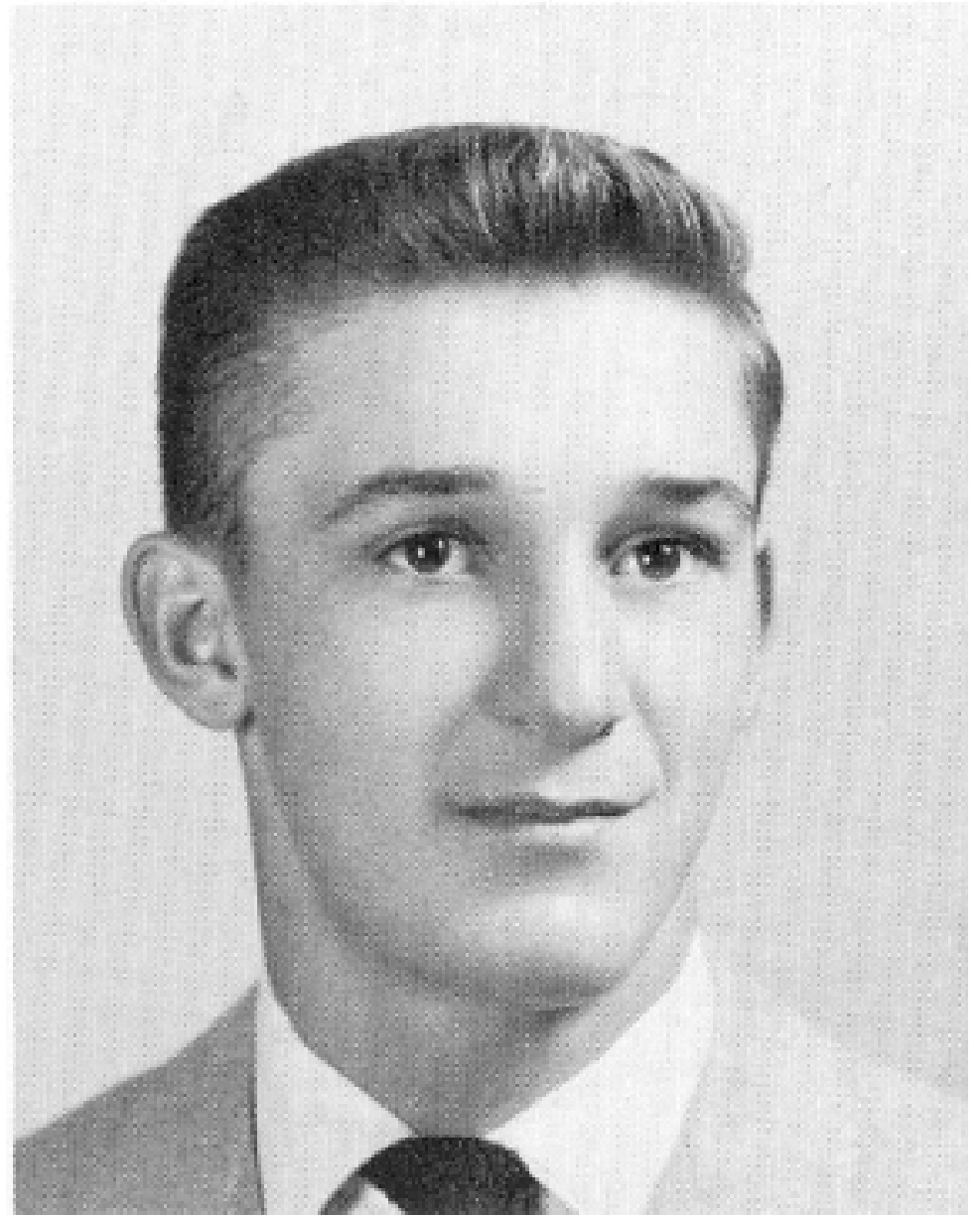
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**Joe F. Libra**  
**Deceased**



**Shirley ...**



**1955**

**Sue A. Linabury**  
**5-7-1937**

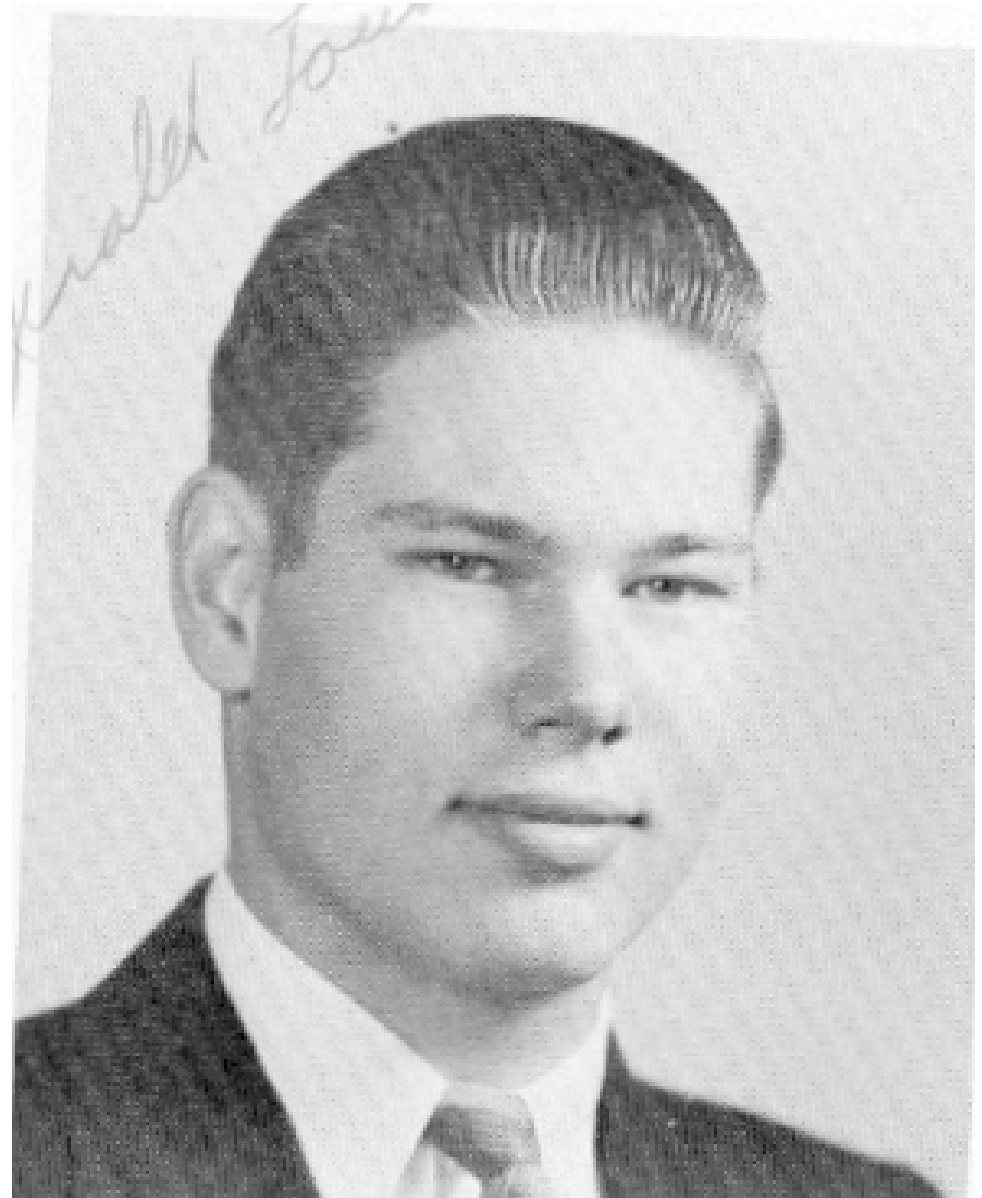


**Mark Teichman**



**1955**

**Jerald E. Lounsbury**  
**6-10-1937**  
**Deceased 2-12-2023**



**Esther Mae ...**  
**6-10-1937**

**1955**

# **Jerald E. Lounsbury**

## **6-10-1937**

## **Deceased 2-12-2023**



**Esther Mae ... 6-10-1937**  
**Renee Lee ... 2-2-2020**

### **Jerald Lounsbury Obituary**

Our beloved Dr. Jerald (Jerry) Elbert Lounsbury at age 85, died peacefully at home on February 12, 2023. He was lovingly surrounded by family and friends in his last days of life. He was born as the first and only child to Charles and Veneda Lounsbury in Owosso Michigan on June 10, 1937. He met the gal who would capture his heart and wed her on September 14, 1957. They celebrated 60 years together until Alzheimer's took his beloved Esther Mae Lounsbury from him in 2017. He wed his current wife Renee Lee on February 02, 2020, during the twilight of his life. Two months into their marriage he would be diagnosed with a terminal illness of non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver. He was a 1957 alum and generous benefactor of Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor Michigan. He and his first, late wife, Esther, created a scholarship foundation for students in Counseling. He completed three degrees from Michigan State University. He was proud to shout, "go green, go white". Jerry and Esther came to Mt. Pleasant Michigan in 1968, which remained his home until his death. He dedicated 35 years of his career to the students at Central Michigan University. He worked in the Financial Aid and Placement Offices. Jerry attended many athletic events and enjoyed cheering "Fire Up Chips". His love of students would become fine-tuned in his years as a licensed professional counselor, while he whistled his way, throughout Foust Hall. Upon his retirement from CMU in 2003, he maintained his professional license to continue counseling clients in his home. Jerry was a deep thinker, a philosopher, with a quick wit and engaged lifelong as a seeker of knowledge, wisdom, and truth. He was immensely respected by his peers, students and the community for his compassion and commitment to serving the lives of others' personal and spiritual needs. He exuded and proclaimed that Love is the heartbeat of all life. Jerry was deeply devoted to his Christian beliefs. He served faithfully as a founding elder at Mt. Pleasant Community Church from its inception. After many years of faithful service at MPCC he became instrumental in 2013 planting Thrive Church of Mt. Pleasant as a trusted and revered Shepherd. He was a mentor, trusted advisor, and an avid supporter as Emeritus Counselor and a generous benefactor at Mid-Michigan Counseling Services. Believing that life is sacred, he was a passionate and generous pro-life supporter of Life Choices of Central Michigan in protecting the life of the unborn. His life was a tribute to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ supporting ministries abroad to teach and reach people in faraway lands. People of all ages, from many walks of life, would seek him out for his compassion and guidance. His lifetime was one of selfless sacrifice and service to all people. He was immensely respected by his family and friends, his peers, at CMU and the local community. He is survived by his wife, Renee Lee Lounsbury, daughter, Dawn (George); son, Jeff Lounsbury; and five grandchildren, Maris, Reed, Freya, Bante, and Tiblitz. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Veneda Lounsbury and his first wife Esther Mae Lounsbury. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Christian Counseling of Mid Michigan or Life Choices of Central Michigan. Please join us for a celebration of life for Jerry on Saturday, February 25, 2023, 11am at Charles Lux Family Funeral Home, 2300 S. Lincoln Road in Mt. Pleasant. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 24, from 4 pm to 8 pm, and one hour prior to service. Immediately following the service a luncheon for family will follow in the Lincoln Reception Hall, located next to funeral home. To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence for the family please visit [www.CharlesRLux.com](http://www.CharlesRLux.com). [www.CharlesRLux.com](http://www.CharlesRLux.com)

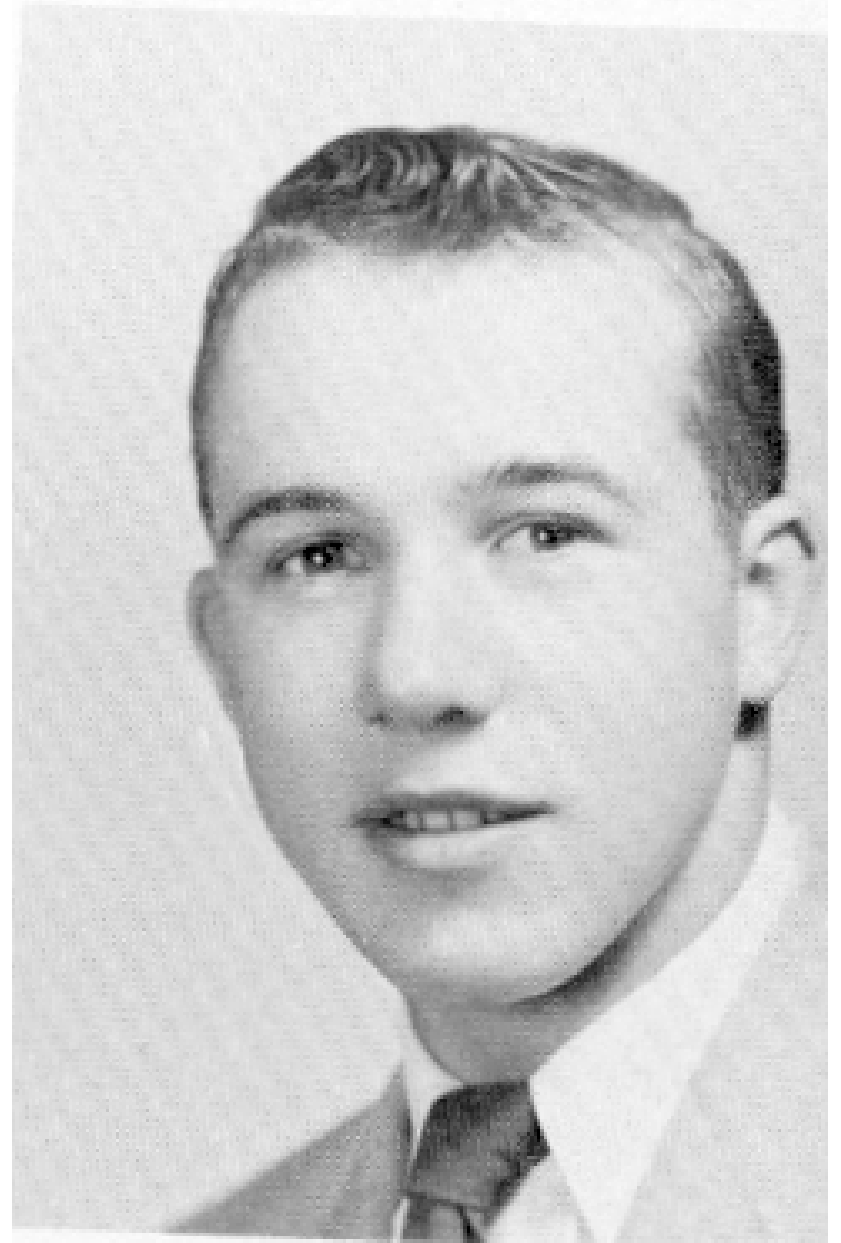
**Betty J. Maudlin**



**Clyde Atkinson**

**1955**

**Richard Mehigh**



**Mary Ann Gall**  
**5-6-1961**

**1955**



# Richard Mehigh

50TH ANNIVERSARY



Left, the Mehighs in 1961. Above, the Mehighs now.

## Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Mary Ann) Mehigh

Richard and Mary Ann Mehigh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6 with their daughter Terri Kress and her husband Chris Kress and grandchildren Angela, Aubrey and Nathan Kress. They will celebrate later with their son Richard Jr. and wife Christine Kress and grandchildren Emily and Ricky Jr. of St. Louis, Mo.

Richard Mehigh worked at General Motors in Flint for 41 years. Mary Ann was a colorist for a local photography studio and a homemaker.

Mary Ann Gall  
5-6-1961

1955



**Shirley Melrose**



**... Drimby  
Ronald Kidd**

**1955**

**Joanne S. Parkinson**



**Dave Boyer**

**1955**

**Beverly K. Rhoads**  
**Deceased 11-25-2009**



**Richard Cole**

**1955**

# **Beverly K. Rhoads**

## **Deceased 11-25-2009**

### **Beverly K. Cole**

Age 72, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at her residence in Newport, Mich.

Beverly was valedictorian of the Corunna High School graduating class of 1955, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Asbury College in 1959 and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan.

She taught school for 36 years, the last 30 of which were at Mt. Morris. She was also a gifted musician who played the organ at church and played flute in the Flint Symphony Orchestra.

Beverly trusted in Christ as her Savior early in her life and

served Him faithfully.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, from 2 to 3 p.m., at New Hope Lutheran Church in Flat Rock, Mich. A brief memorial service will be held immediately after.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to Baptist Park Christian School.

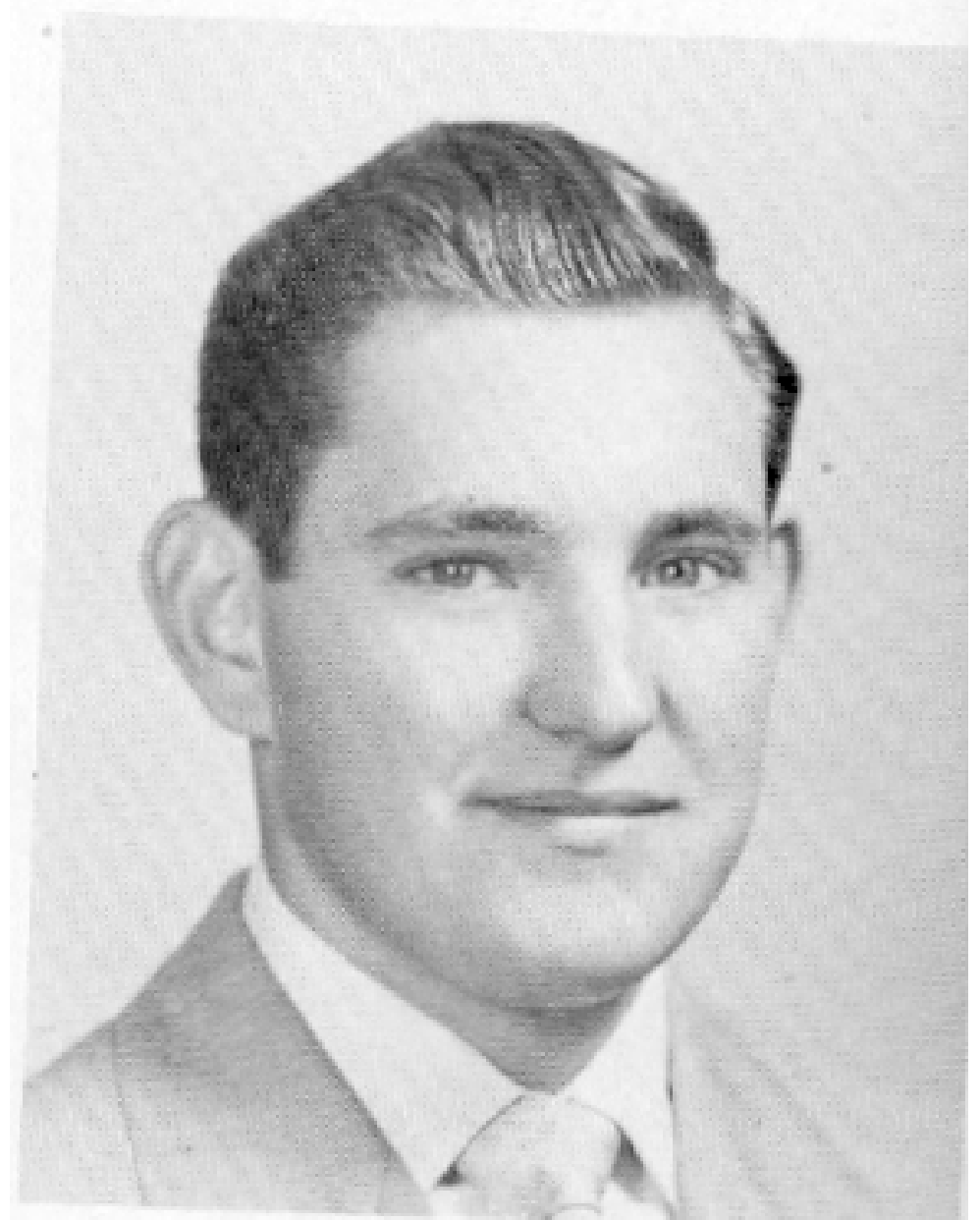
Survivors include her children, Yvonne Cole, Deonne Goetz and Robert Cole; daughter-in-law Michelle; grandson Blake Richard; her father Robert Rhoads; sister Darlene; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother Mildred and sister Janet.

## **Richard Cole**

**1955**

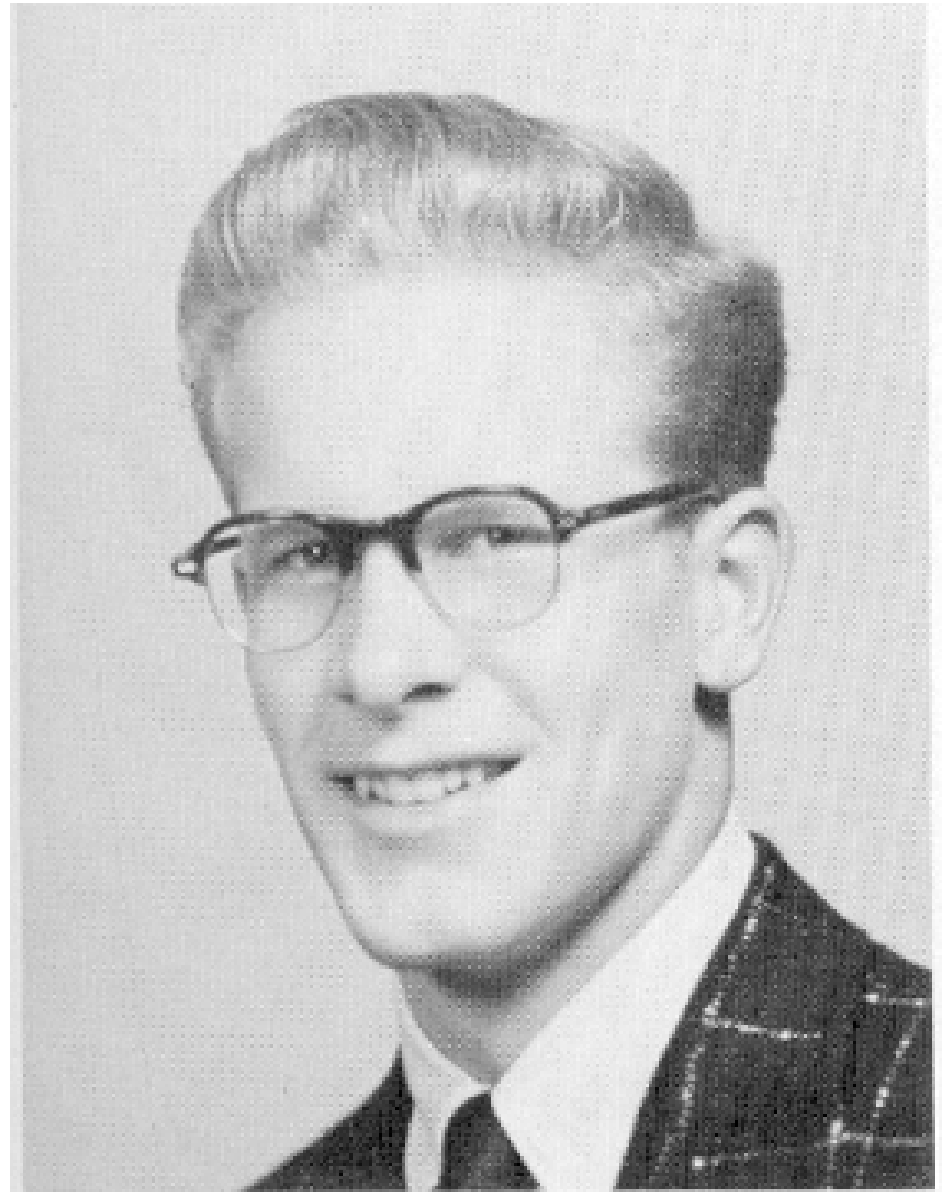
**Kenneth V. Robinson**



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**Miller T. Ross**

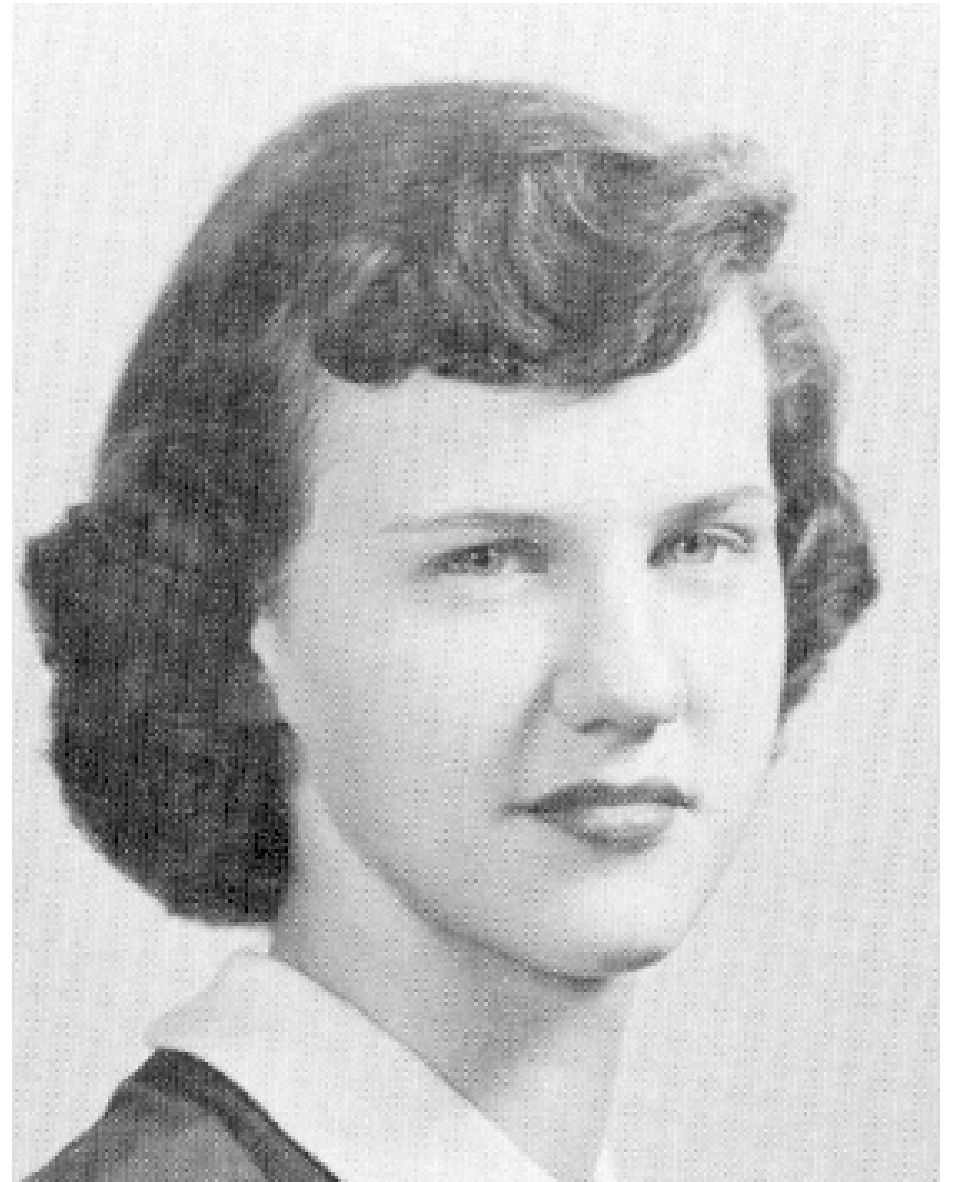


**Inez Ashley**

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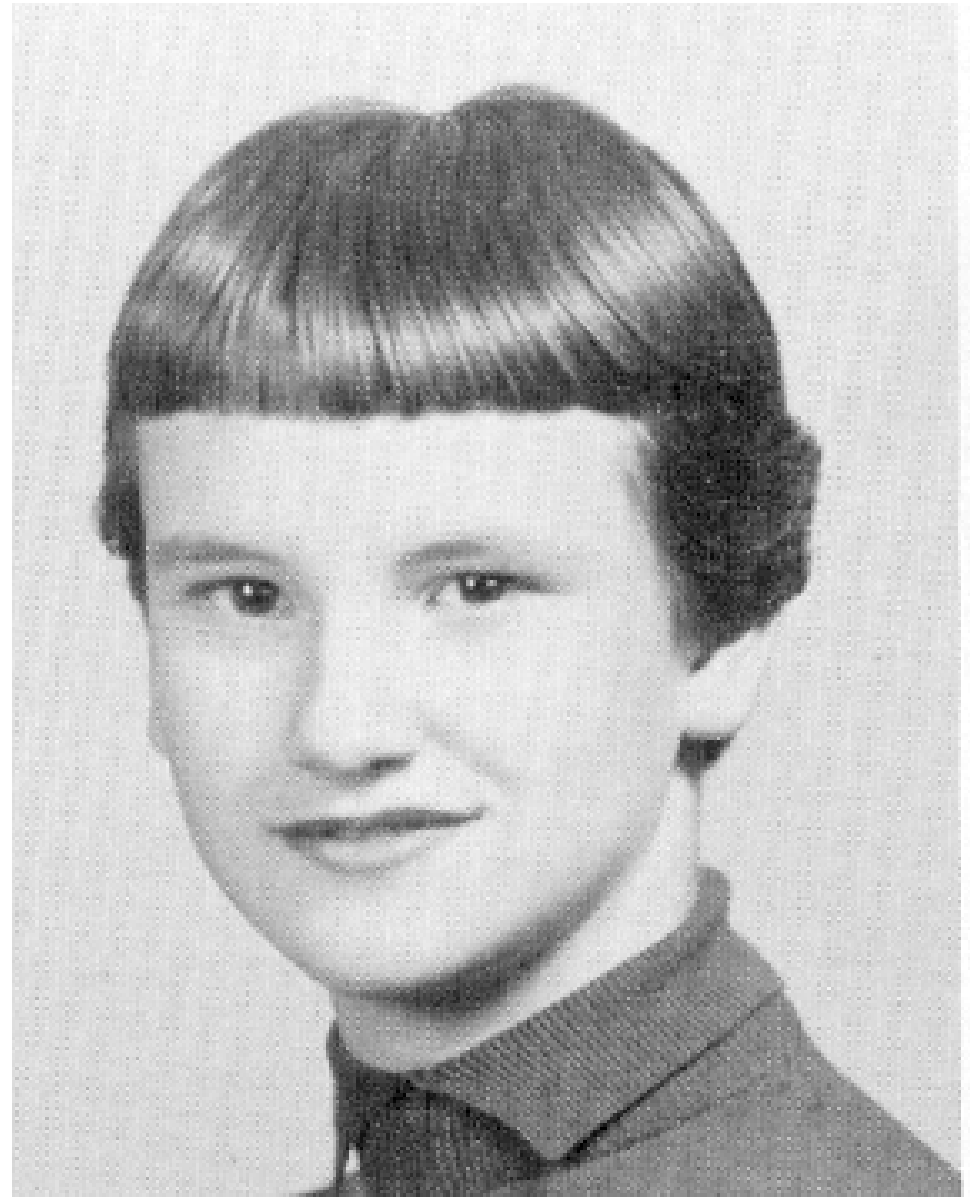


**Sue E. Rumery**



**1955**

**Jacqueline K. Schooley**  
**1-7-1937**  
**Deceased 10-20-2010**



**Jim Thayer**  
**10-18-1958**

**1955**

**Jacqueline K. Schooley**  
**1-7-1937**  
**Deceased 10-20-2010**

Jacquelyne Kay Thayer, age 73 of Owosso, passed away on Wednesday October 20, 2010 at Memorial Healthcare Center.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Corunna on Saturday October 23, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Rev. Russell Merrill will officiate. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday evening 6-8 PM and 1 hour prior to the time of the service.

Jacquelyne was born on January 7, 1937 in Corunna, the daughter of Earl & Gladys (Serr) Schooley. She graduated from Corunna High School and married Jimmy Thayer in Corunna on October 18, 1958.

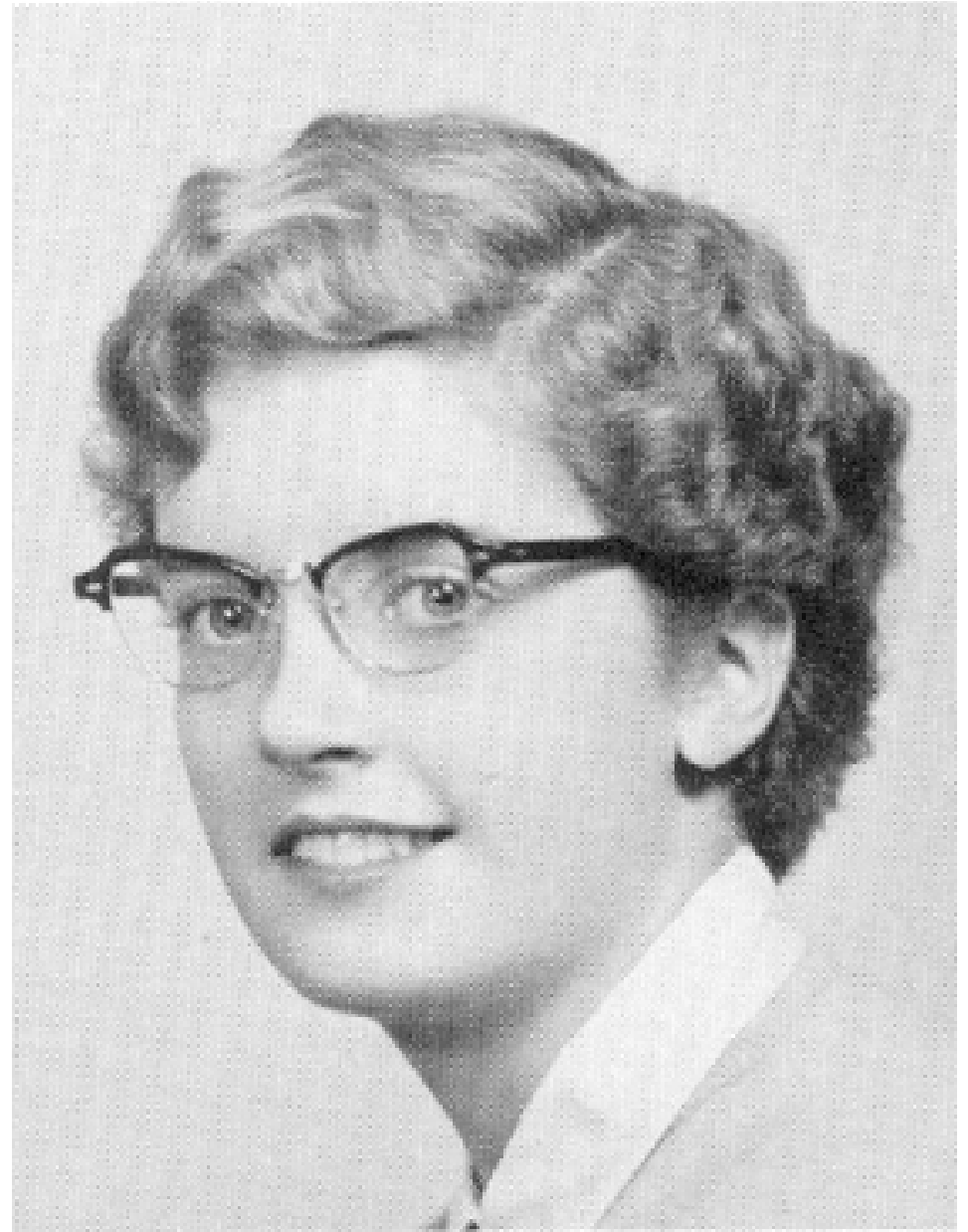
She was a homemaker Mrs. Thayer is survived by her 3 children: Jody Thayer of Owosso, Timothy (Elizabeth) Thayer of Owosso, and Melinda (Ted) Shearer of Owosso. 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, 2 sisters: Jeanne (Jack) Bouersmith of Corunna and Billie Sleeper of Durand, 2 brothers; Ford (Jane) Schooley of FLint and Gary (Shirley) Schooley of Corunna.

She was predeceased by her husband in 2008, 2 brothers, a sister and a niece.

**Jim Thayer**  
**10-18-1958**

**1955**

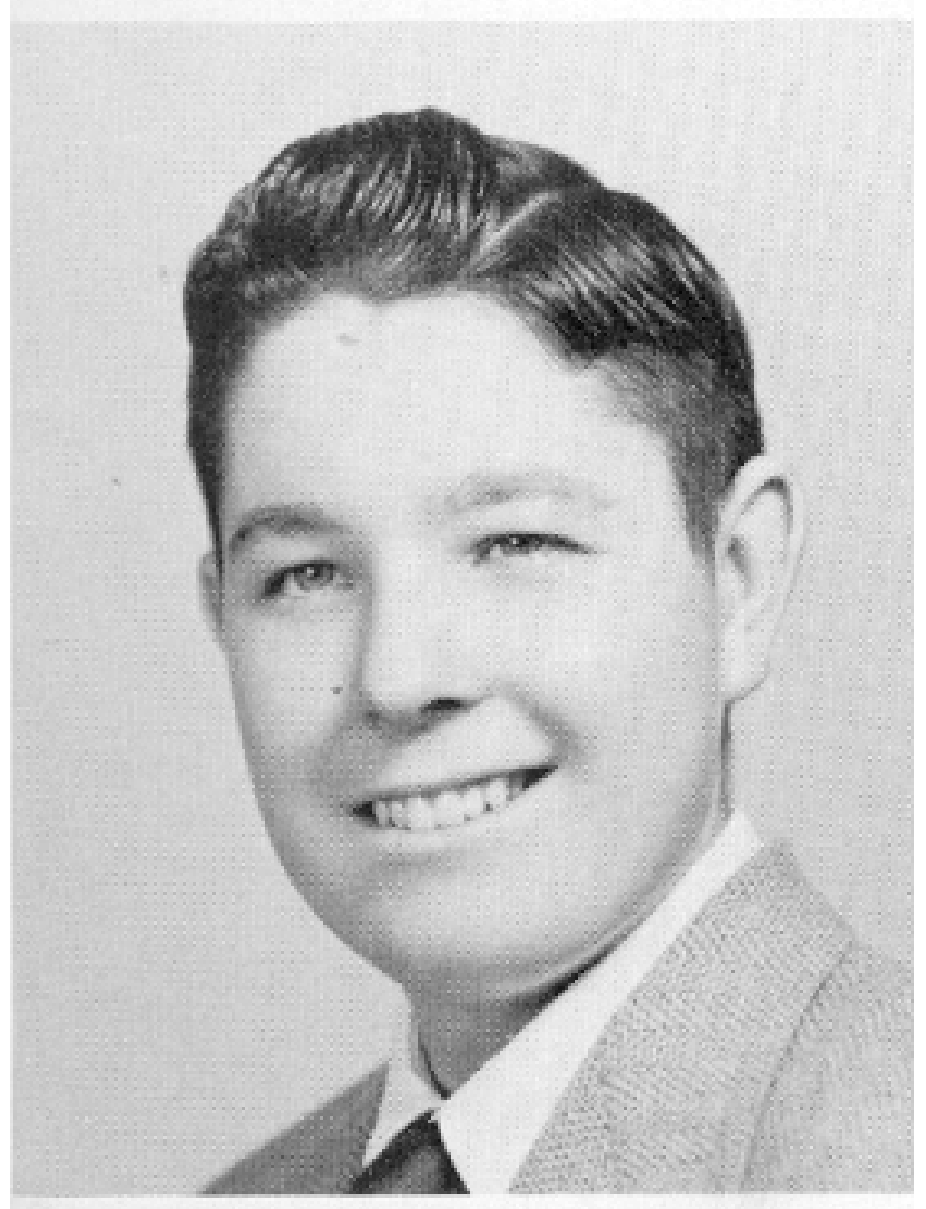
**Jayne M. Strawsine**



**Steven Peterson**

**1955**

**Harold G. Swan**



**Anna ...  
9-12-1958**

**1955**

**Harold G. Swan**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**



**HAROLD and ANNA SWAN**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swan**

Harold and Anna Swan of Corunna are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The couple was married Sept. 12, 1958, in Owosso.

They have four children: Harold Swan III of Owosso, Earl and Jane Swan of Owosso, Cindy Swan of Corunna and Penny and Guy Chunko of Corunna.

Eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild complete their family.

A dinner hosted by their children was held Sept. 12 at their Corunna home. Fifty guests were present.

They have lived in the Corunna area their entire lives.

Harold Swan is retired from General Motors Corp. Anna Swan is retired from Universal Electric.

**Anna ...**

**9-12-1958**

**1955**



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**Shirley Ann Bramer**

Age 68, of Corunna, Michigan, was received into the arms of her Heavenly Father on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005 with her beloved husband and son by her side at St. Mary Health Care, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Corunna Chapel with Pastor Dwight Webster officiating.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service.

Shirley was born in Durand on Jan. 15, 1937, the daughter of Paul Ottis and Ruth Mae (Darling) Taylor. She graduated from Corunna High School with the Class of 1955. She was a cheerleader and Homecoming Queen.

She resided most of her life in Corunna and Vernon.

On July 2, 1965, she married Richard (Dick) Bramer at the Vernon Methodist Church. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past summer.

Shirley was a talented painter of acrylic and oils, mostly of flowers and landscapes which she gave as gifts to her family and friends. She also loved to write poetry. She had a generous heart for her family, friends and to those in need. She was the Shia Alley Clown "Mert."

Those left to cherish her life are her husband Richard "Dick" Bramer of Corunna; one daughter, Kimberly Bruno of Corunna; two sons; Jim & Shawn Aldrich of Owosso, Ross & Lara Bramer of Corunna; three stepsons, Rich & Linda Bramer of Rockford, Dan & Sue Bramer of Maple Rapids, Rob & Chris Bramer of Olivet; 13 grandchildren, Lisa (Shawn) Hasyn, Amy and Kaitlin Bruno, Britney (Tyler) Aldrich, Kellie (Matt) Krause, Jason (Jolene) Bramer, Scott, Heather and Jessie Bramer, Calen, Cameron and Kiler Bramer; six great-grandchildren; Parker (Madalyn) Hasyn, Jacob (Mason) Krause, Alex and Ian Bramer, one sister, Dorothy Monroe of Greensboro, Ga.; four brothers; Don (Dorothy) Taylor, Gerald (Marie) Taylor, Herald (Betty) Taylor, and Duane (Pat) Taylor of Charlevoix; many dear nieces, nephews, and close friends, and her little dog Spirit.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step-son Brett Bramer.

Memorials may be made to Corunna High School sports and arts programs or to RAVE.

The family would like to thank Fesenius Medical Dialysis of Corunna and St. Mary's Health Center of Grand Rapids.

"I shall lift my wings and mount up close to God as eagles mount up to the sun; I shall run and not be weary, I shall walk and not faint or become tired." - Isaiah 40:31.

On line condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Corunna Chapel.



**Yvonne L. Tinklepaugh**  
**10-19-1937**  
**Deceased 7-13-2022**



**Irvin Herek**  
**6-1966**

**1955**

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**Irvin Herek**  
**6-1966**

**Yvonne Herek Obituary**

Yvonne Lou (Tinklepaugh) Herek, age 84, passed away peacefully on July 13, 2022 in Longwood, Florida. She was born October 19, 1937 in Owosso, Michigan to Lawrence and Gertrude Tinklepaugh. She married Irvin Paul Herek in June of 1966 who preceded her in death in 2004. Residents of Midland, Michigan for over 30 years, they relocated to Lake Mary, Florida in 2000.

Yvonne attended the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University earning both Bachelor and Master's degrees in Special Education. She taught in multiple locations in Michigan, ending her tenure with Saginaw Public Schools.

She was a member and attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Midland, Michigan where she was an active member of the Altar Society. In Florida, she attended Nativity Catholic Church in Longwood, where she was a member of the Women's Auxiliary and Crafting Group. She also offered her time and volunteered at South Seminole Hospital in Longwood, Florida.

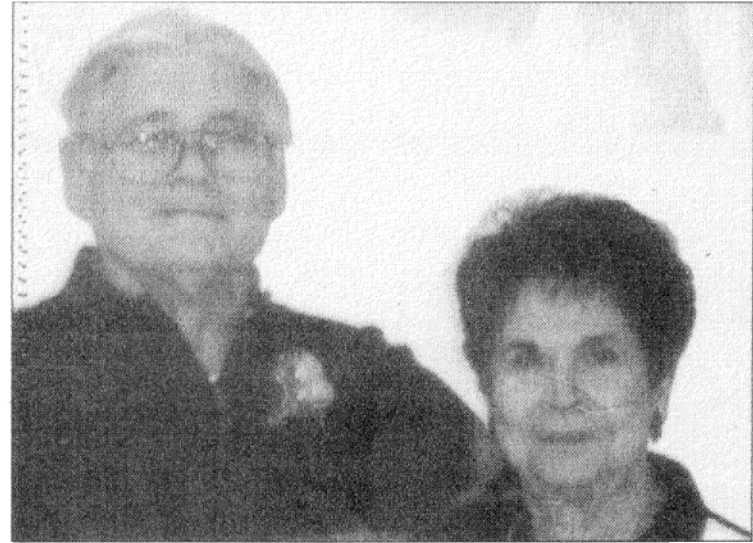
She is survived by her son Paul Matthew Herek and daughter Kimberly Sue Goldthwaite, both of Lake Mary, Florida, as well as multiple nieces and nephews of the Herek family.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony for Yvonne is going to be held by her family at a future date. Any donations may be made in Yvonne's name to NORD, the National Organization for Rare Disorders.

**Gerald Taylor**  
**3-4-1934**  
**Deceased 5-7-2016**

**Marie B. Flynn (53)**  
**12-1-1956**  
**1955 Class Member**

## 50TH ANNIVERSARIES



**Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Taylor**

Gerald and Marie Taylor of Owosso celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 2 with a family party hosted by their four children.

Taylor is retired from AC Spark Plug and Mrs. Taylor is retired from the Corunna Public Schools.

Their four children are Greg and Dianne Taylor, Margaret and Mark Perrin, Brian and Tammy Taylor and Kathy and

Dan Seconsky.

The couple also have 10 grandchildren: Heather (Chris) Throne; Trevor, Brandon and Aaron Taylor; Markie and Marisa Perrin; Josh Perrin (Sara Sutton); Corrie (Jesse) Jameson; Brent Perrin (Shelbie Rathbun); and Noah Perrin.

They also have three great-grandchildren: Kylie Perrin, Grant Perrin and Hailey Throne.



**Gerald Taylor**  
**3-4-1934**  
**Deceased 5-7-2016**



**Marie B. Flynn (53)**  
**12-1-1956**  
**1955 Class Member**

Gerald D. Taylor age 82 of Owosso passed away Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Memorial Healthcare with his family by his side.

Funeral services will be held 11 am Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Nelson-House Funeral Home with Pastor Ray Strawser officiating. Burial will follow at Maple River Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2 to 8 pm.

Gerald was born March 4, 1934 in Fairfield Township, the son of Ruth (Darling) and Paul Taylor. Gerald served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956. He was employed at AC Spark Plug in Flint, Michigan for 27 years.

He married Marie Flynn at St. Paul Catholic Church on December 1, 1956. They were married for 59 years. Gerald loved hunting at the family deer camp in Cheybogan, fishing, and going up north to the campground in Harrison. He also had a love for country music; especially Johnny Cash. He enjoyed playing the banjo, tenor lute and bass guitar as well as writing songs and poems.

Gerald is survived by his wife Marie; children Greg (Dianne) Taylor, Margaret (Mark) Perrin, Brian (Tammy) Taylor and Kathy (Dan) Seconsky; grandchildren Heather (Chris) Throne, Josh (Sara), Brent (Shelbie), Corrie (Jesse Jameson), Noah (Kathy), Markie and Marisa Perrin, Trevor, Brandon and Aaron Taylor, Izzi Seconsky and Hayden (Paige) Wiegel; great-grandchildren Hailey and Taylor Throne, Kylie, Grant, Quinn, Ella, Calvin, Angela and Tristen Perrin and Katelyn and Reagan Jameson; twin brother Harold (Betty), brothers Don (Dorothy) and Duane (Patricia) Taylor; brother-in-law Richard Bramer; sisters-in-law Millie (Frank) Mentus, Janet (Ed) Franks, Patricia Petrauskas, Debra (Gary) Harvey; many nieces, nephews and other loving family members.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister and brother-in-law Dorothy and Robert Monroe, sister Shirley Bramer, brother-in-law Raymond Petrauskas and great niece Lauren Clark.



## *Senior Class History*

We were 38 frightened freshmen as we entered High School. After our somewhat trying initiation we settled down to business. As class officers we elected President, Phil Bendall; Vice President, Sharon Bedford; Secretary, Pat Flynn; and Treasurer, Phil Brooks. We were aided by Mr. Kapenga. As the year ended we had adjusted ourselves to high school activities and looked forward to the next year.

As sophomores we entered our new high school, much to our enjoyment. As officers we elected President, Phil Bendall; Vice President, George Davis; Secretary, Pat Flynn; and Treasurer, Ted Evans. As advisor we elected Mr. Andersen. This year we enjoyed initiating the Freshmen. We also sponsored movies, two dances, and put on an assembly.

As Juniors we elected President, Phil Bendall; Vice President, Phil Brooks; Secretary, Pat Flynn; and Treasurer, Sue Linabury. Mr. Alexander and Miss Woods were our class advisors. The thrill of the year was the purchase of our class rings. We produced our Junior Play, "People Are Funny", which was highly successful. Candy was sold in the halls and at the games and we sponsored a dance. We enjoyed honoring the Seniors at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Seniors at last! This was a great honor to us for this was a definite step toward our future. We had worked hard toward this goal and were proud to be the graduating class of "55". As officers we elected Phil Bendall, President for the fourth year; Vice President, Joe Libra; Secretary, Pat Flynn; and Treasurer Sue Linabury. Two advisors, Mr. Alexander and Miss Woods were needed to help us in our enthusiastic plans. We started the year's activities by selling taffy, Christmas cards, and we had a concession stand at the football games.

"The Case of the Missing Heirs" was the title of our Senior Play under the direction of Miss Spaniola. It was successful, and we greatly enjoyed giving it. Memories of the year were senior pictures which we traded with our classmates and will cherish in years to come.

A memorable occasion was our Prom which we had as much fun planning and decorating as we did attending.

Finally the trip which we had been planning and working for for four years, became a reality. We spent our glorious five day trip at Washington, D. C. and New York, which was interesting, educational and lots of fun.

With Graduation exercises, our high school career was brought to a close. We again looked eagerly and with quite some anticipation toward the future but not without a backward glance and pleasant thoughts about our experience in one of the best-----Corunna High School.

## *Student Council*



### *Officers*

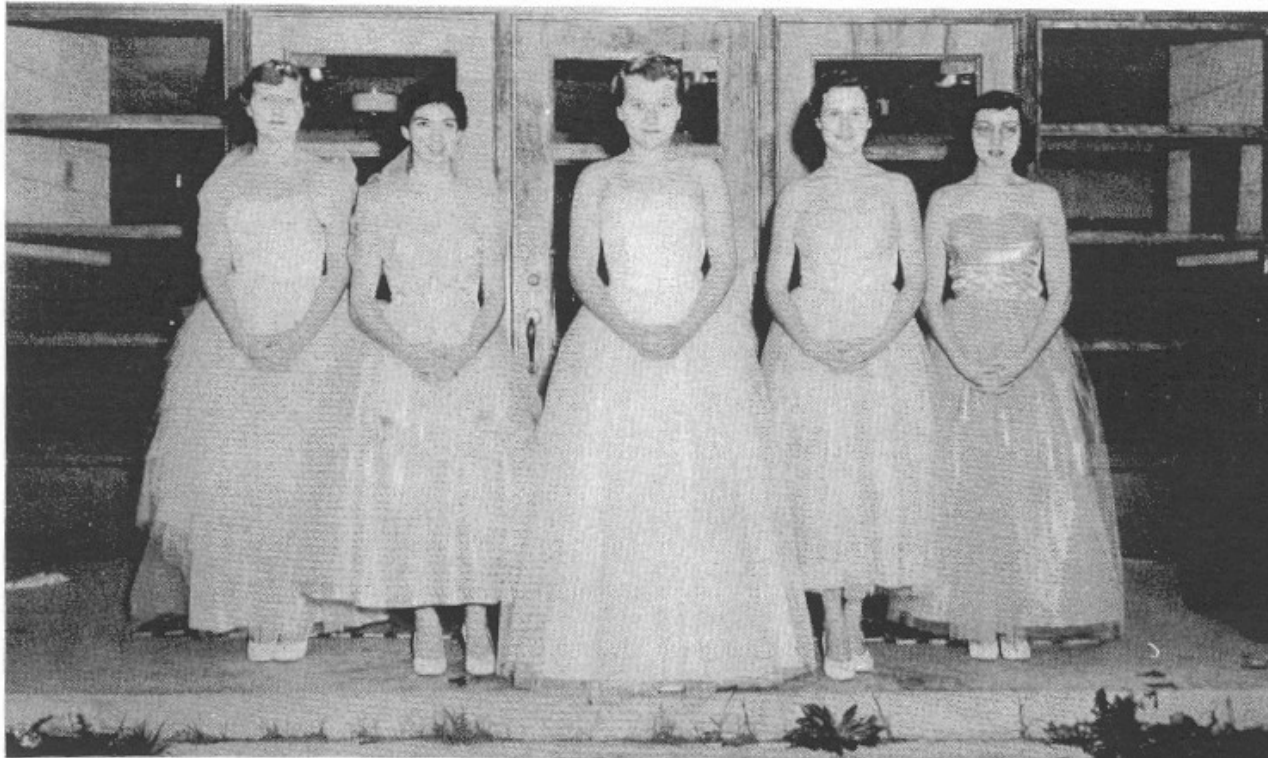
President . . . . . George Davis  
Vice President . . . . . Lee Janssen  
Secretary . . . . . Rose Spaniola  
Treasurer . . . . . Joe Libra

The Student Council is the representative body of the high school. It has four seniors-George Davis, Lee Janssen, Phil Brooks and Joe Libra; three juniors-Bill Renwick, Allen Walker and Charlie Nalepa; two sophomores-Rose Spaniola and Vic Nickels; one freshman Duane Taylor.

Some of the high spots during the year were the annual pictures, our annual Christmas party, Assembly programs, dances after the home football games, a skating pond and the purchase of a new floodlight and color wheel.

Mr. Andersen, the principal, is our advisor.

## *Homecoming Queen And Court*



Shirley Syfert

Rose Spaniola

Shirley Taylor, Queen

Pat Flynn

Joanne Parkinson



## *Cheerleaders*



Jo Ellen Sprague

Rose Spaniola

Shirley Taylor, Captain

Janis Ritter

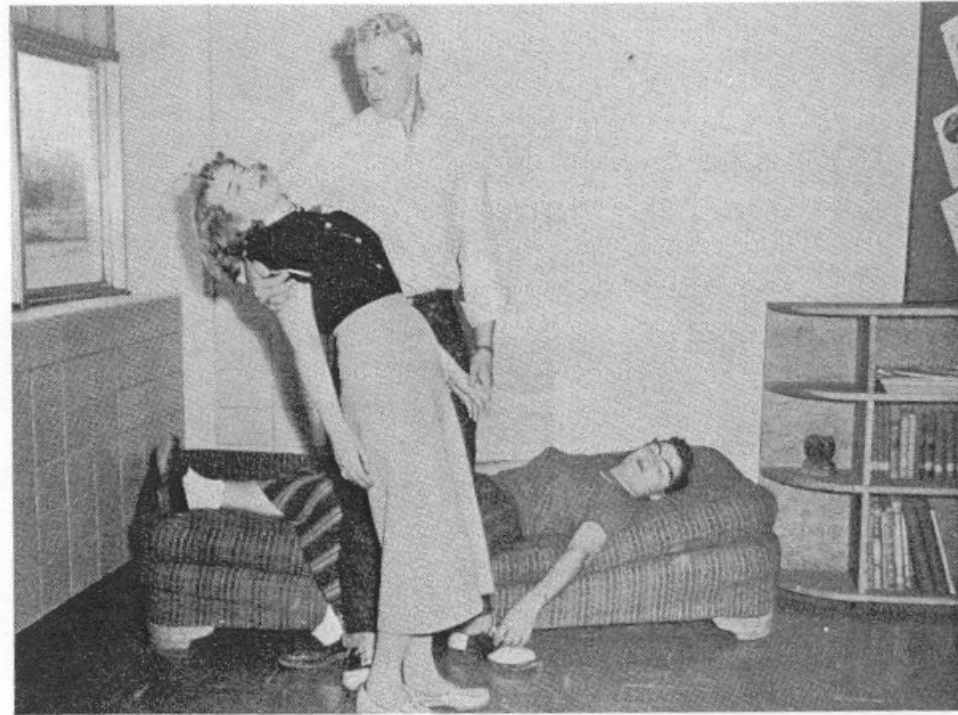
Joan Libby

Jackie Schooley

Barbara Janssen

## *Senior Class Play*

"The Case of the Missing Heirs" was a fast moving comedy and mystery which kept you in suspense or laughter all the time. It takes place in an old castle where a will is to be read. However the heirs were spirited away by a creature with glowing hands, and those who didn't disappear were horrified by strange sounds. The mystery was cleared up only by the blundering Bruiser, Gwen the lovely secretary, and Perriot Preston.



MEMBERS OF THE CAST:

Perriot Preston . . . . .	Don Lashaway
Gwen Talbat . . . . .	Darlene Hayes
Bruiser Barnes . . . . .	Harry Hevelhurst
Mrs. Allerdyce Beeman . . . . .	Faye Baker
Maybelle Beeman . . . . .	Janet Jones

Louise Thomas . . . . .	Sharon Bedford
Mrs. Kite . . . . .	Yvonne Tinklepaugh
Wentworth . . . . .	Joe Libra
The Phantom . . . . .	Phil Brooks
J. Winston Graham . . . . .	Miller Ross



Coach Phillips and Coach Alexander.

1955



## Football Team



Back Row: Dick Rose, Manager; Lee Vanderkarr, Ray Mehig, Dick Spore, Jim Cooper, Larry Worthington, Leon Bigelow, Doug Eveleth, John Austin, Bill Linabury, Charles Pirochta, John Phelps, Bob Dutcher, Managers.  
 Fourth Row: Coach Phillips, Duane Taylor, Cliff Walker, Larry Runyan, Dave Finerty, Jim Hilgendorf, Gary Sworthwood, Dave Peterson, Mickey Sersen, Tom Renwick, Coach Alexander.  
 Third Row: John Schnep, Joe Solomon, Bill Renwick, Vic Nickels, Bob Elkins, Denny Kelly, Allen Walker, Ken Lashaway.  
 Second Row: George Davis, Jim Schneider, Bruce Schnep, Bob Wright, Neal Reavely, Harvey Dutcher, Dale Aurand.  
 First Row: Lee Janssen, Harry Hevelhurst, Joe Libra, Phil Brooks, Don Lashaway, Dick Mehig.

The Cavalier football team of the 1954 season was one to be proud of. Not only did they capture the Conference Championship, but they attained an undefeated season and the best record in Corunna's history.

This record was obtained through the hard work of the team and the excellent coaching of Mr. Alexander and Mr. Phillips.

The team was rated ninth in the state in class C competition. The boys who received honors on all state teams were halfback Phil Brooks, tackle Neal Reavely and end Allen Walker.

At the end of the season quarterback Joe Libra was elected honorary captain and tackle Neal Reavely was chosen the most valuable player.

The football and band banquet was held in January with Nick Kerbeway, general manager of the Detroit Lions, the main speaker. Gold footballs were presented to the letter winners along with some individual awards.

Corunna	27	Fulton	12
Corunna	12	St. Paul	7
Corunna	27	Flint Central 'B'	6
* Corunna	7	Perry	0
Corunna	26	Chesaning	0
* Corunna	33	Ovid	6
* Corunna	25	Laingsburg	0
* Corunna	21	Elsie	2
Corunna	14	Durand	0
Conference games *			

## *Basketball*



Row 1: D. Lashaway, Joe Libra, P. Brooks.

Row 2: H. Morden, H. Dutcher, C. Walker, B. Schnepf, B. Renwick, W. Praski, A. Walker, D. Taylor, Coach Alexander.

Chesaning	44	Corunna	45
M. S. D.	39	Corunna	62
Elsie	53	Corunna	54
Laingsburg	42	Corunna	54
St. Pauls	58	Corunna	48
Ovid	62	Corunna	73
Maple Grove	68	Corunna	58
Durand	59	Corunna	64
Perry	49	Corunna	51
Elsie	37	Corunna	58
St. Pauls	77	Corunna	58
Laingsburg	89	Corunna	57
Ovid	63	Corunna	76
Maple Grove	77	Corunna	61
Perry	68	Corunna	80
Byron	42	Corunna	70
St. Charles	42	Corunna	50
St. Pauls	65	Corunna	46

The Corunna Cavaliers had a very successful basketball season this year winning 12 of 18 games. Overcoming the disadvantage of a short team, the Cavaliers lost only one league game to Laingsburg.

In tournament play the Cavaliers did very well advancing to the finals by beating Byron and the tourney favorite St. Charles. St. Pauls beat the Cavaliers in the thrilling final.

Captain Joe Libra led the team in scoring with 378 points, Harvey Dutcher followed with 216. Also high in the scoring was Allen Walker, Cliff Walker, and Bill Renwick.



## Baseball



Row 1: J. Schneider, B. Renwick, A. Walker, P. Brooks, J. Libra, N. Reavely, H. Dutcher, J. Solomon.  
 Row 2: Coach Alexander, L. Wazny, D. Spore, L. Worthington, R. Price, V. Nickels, J. Austen, J. Schnepf, L. Runyan.

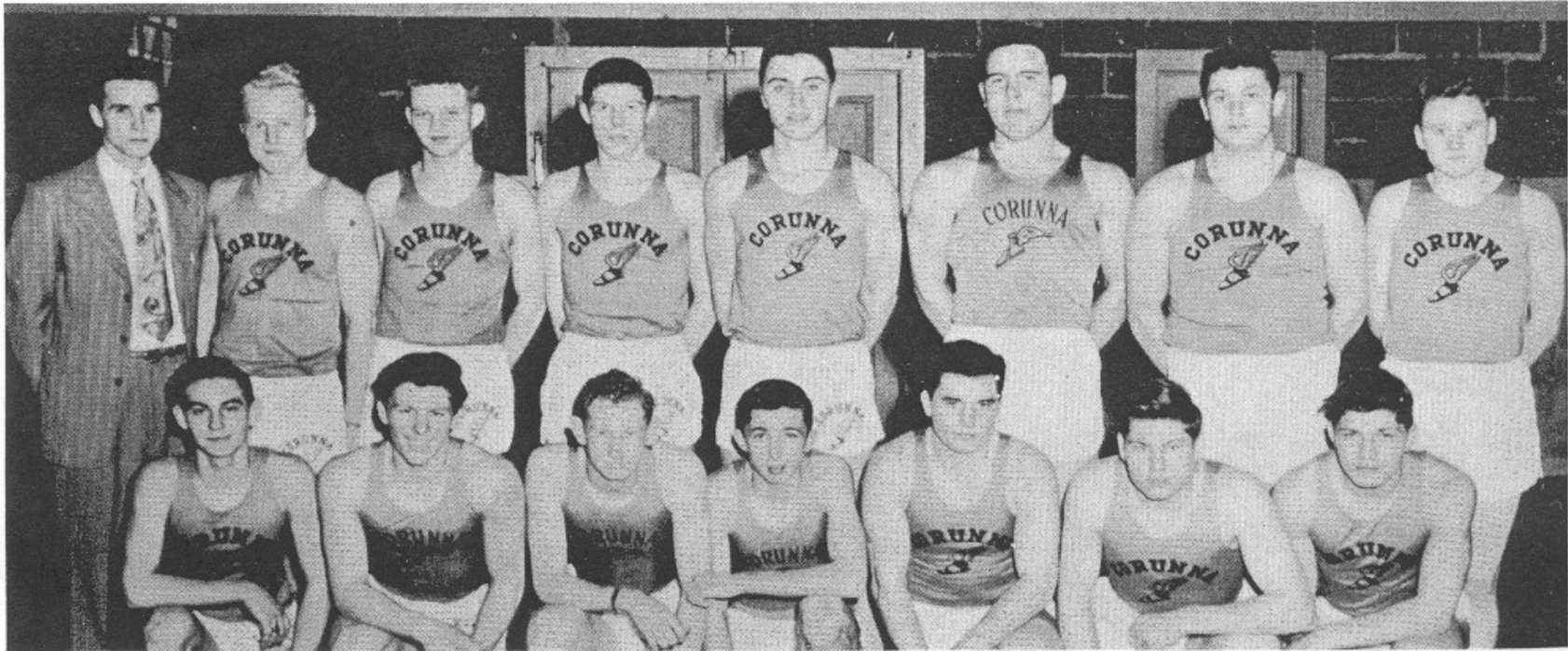
### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 18	Laingsburg
April 21	Ovid
April 25	St. Paul
April 28	Perry
May 2	Elsie

Away	May 5
Home	May 9
Home	May 16
Home	May 19
Away	

Laingsburg	Home
Ovid	Away
Perry	Away
Elsie	Home

# Track



Row 1: L. Runyan, H. Dutcher, J. Austen, J. Solomon, P. Brooks, J. Lounsbury, V. Nickels.  
 Row 2: Coach Phillips, H. Hevelhurst, L. Janssen, A. Walker, B. Renwick, N. Reavely, B. Schnepf, J. Schnepf.

## 1954-55 LETTERMEN

Don Lashaway -- 880	J. Lounsbury -- 440
H. Hevelhurst -- shot put	P. Brooks -- dashes and relays
Bill Renwick -- 440 and relays	Allen Walker -- field events
Bruce Schnepf -- shot put	Harvey Dutcher -- hurdles
L. Runyan -- mile	J. Solomon -- dashes and relays
V. Nickels -- dashes & relays	

**The  
End**

**1955**