

# TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1950

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THS PICNIC – APRIL 22, 2001

**DID YOU THINK WE WERE THROUGH WITH REUNIONS – JUST BECAUSE WE HAD OUR 50<sup>TH</sup>? OF COURSE NOT!**

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2001—A PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**DATE:** Sunday, April 22, 2001  
**PLACE:** REID PARK, RAMADA NO. 22 (NW corner on Country Club)  
**TIME:** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (or as long as we want to stay)  
**COST:** \$7.00 per person

We are again going to picnic in Reid Park (see enclosed map on next page). For \$7 per person, come enjoy a meal of BBQ beef, beans, salad, dessert, and soft drink. Everything is provided except beer. Feel free to bring your own (cans only!) as we have the required park permit. Other than that, just bring yourself and perhaps a lawn chair or cushion (to soften the hard benches).

**Reserve April 22<sup>nd</sup> for our 6<sup>th</sup> Reunion Picnic and send in your reservation now on the enclosed form!** This is one way to keep in touch with classmates. We had a great turnout for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, and we hope to see a wonderful turnout at the picnic. **Plan to be in Tucson for the picnic!**

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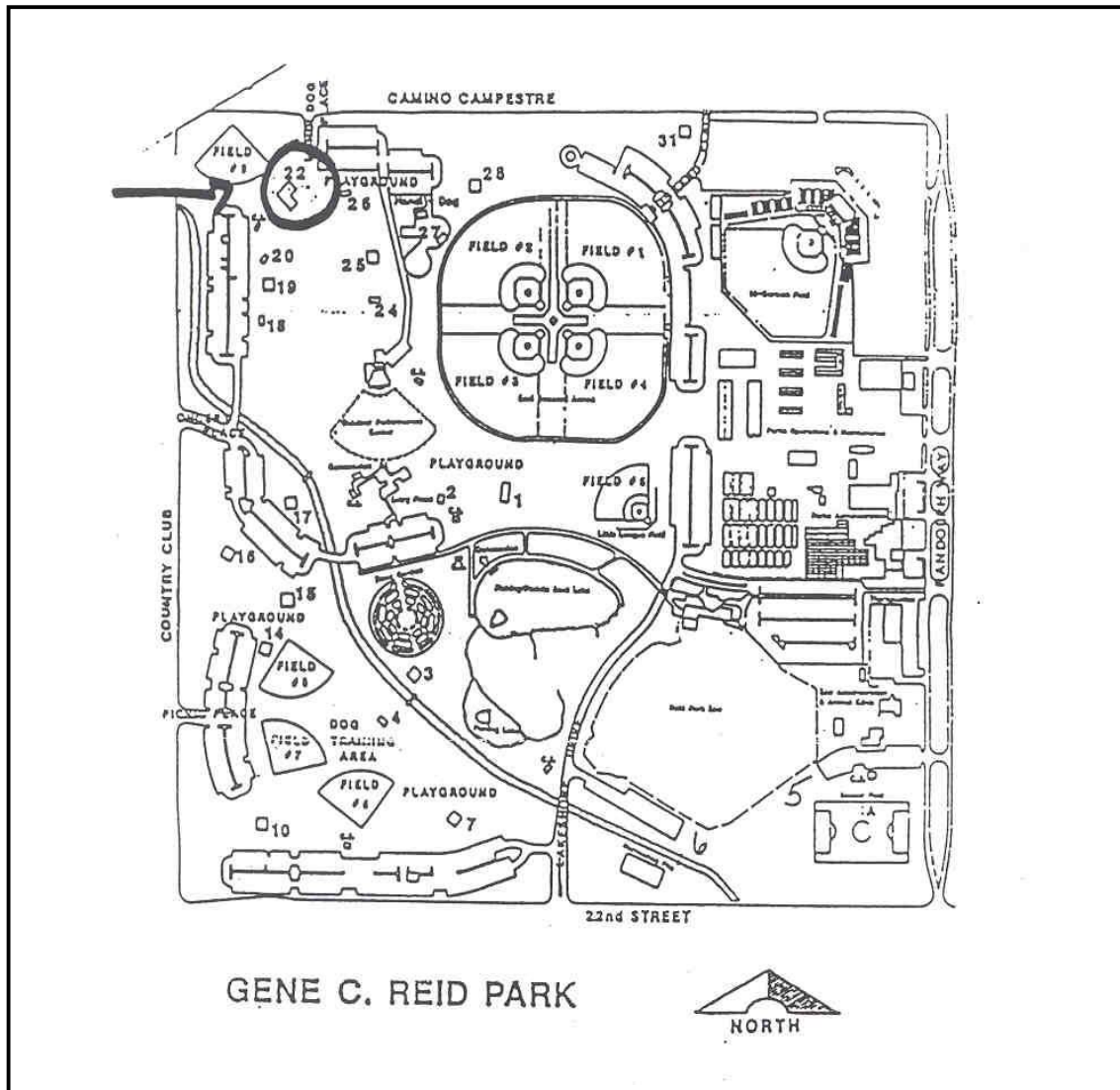
Detach and return this form with your check made out  
To THS Class of '50 Reunion Committee  
c/o 11450 E. Calle Javelina, Tucson, AZ 85748

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will be attending the THS picnic on April 22 at Reid Park!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed (\$7 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### **CLASS OF 1950 DONATIONS TO THS BADGER FOUNDATION**

After all of the dust settled after the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, the Committee turned to our Treasurer, Lloyd Colbeck, for bottom line in our bank account. The THS Class of 1950 Reunion Committee donated \$1,000 to the Badger Foundation on behalf of the Class of 1950.

During the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Ann Evans Fishback conducted a 50/50 Raffle--with a classmate winning ½ half of the money raised and the other half going to the Foundation. As a result, Gloria Gutierrez Ronquillo went home from the Reunion with \$305 and the THS Foundation received the other half.

During the year 1999 through 2000, the Class of 1950 donated a total of \$1,505.00 to the Foundation.

**Barbara Baldwin Salyer - WHAT A WONDERFUL 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION!!!**

Now that our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is but a memory, we would like to share with all of our classmates some of the activities and feelings of those classmates attending. The Reunion Committee had a wonderful time as the event unfolded; however, I don't think that any of us would be willing to do another large-scale reunion. When you achieve "almost-perfection", you don't try to repeat it! We may come up with a one-night or one-day event in the future; and as you can see from this newsletter, we are going to have our Annual Reunion Picnic on April 22, 2001 at Reid Park.

The five group pictures that were taken on Saturday evening are ready, and the photographer was right when he said something to the effect: "I like to take pictures of 'older people' from above so that the people are looking up and the double chins and wrinkles don't show." The pictures are great! We can only regret that about a dozen of the classmates did not make it into the pictures. I apologize for having delayed the mailing of the pictures, but I wanted to enclose this newsletter, and finding time to write the newsletter was not my number one priority over the Christmas holidays.

As soon as I can figure out how to accomplish the task of putting the pictures on the web site, they will be up there—along with the list of those attending. We were thrilled to have Florence Reynolds, Elbert Brooks, William Duffen, and Opal Bane Ageton with us for the Saturday night dinner-dance. My biggest thrill was a presentation by Frank Patania on behalf of the Class of 1950. He had been commissioned by the Class to design a thank you gift for me for heading up the Reunion Committee. Frank presented me with a beautiful silver and gold necklace with a malachite and azurite pendant. It is absolutely beautiful, and I will treasure it for the rest of my life. Thank you Class of 1950.

Two years ago when the Class of 1950 Reunion Committee started detailed planning for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, we thought we had a lot of time to do the planning. Time at this stage of life seems to get away from us and speed along on an agenda of its own. Before we knew it—the time was here. Our only regret is that there were so many of you that we would have liked to have had with us. The most frequently asked question was: "Is So-and-So coming to the Reunion?"

Would you believe it? We had 193 classmates actually attend the Reunion, and a total of 309 with spouses and guests. 220 attended the Friday Night Gathering, 125 gathered in the High School Cafeteria on Saturday morning, 304 were at the Dinner Dance, and 50 people went to Kartchner Caverns on Sunday morning. We even managed to have four energetic souls participate in tennis and seven participate in golf. A listing of those attending is included in this newsletter and will be posted on our web page in the future.

Jesus Aguilar, Peggy Haymore Eich, Hector Felix, Bob Hall, Bob Jinkens, Sydney Deal Oppenheimer, Jim Schock, Raclare Cordis Kanal had all planned to attend, but were unable to do so. We missed them!

This 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Class of 1950 was a labor of love for myself and all of the members of the Reunion Committee. There was no way that one person could possibly keep track of everything going on; all of the members of the Reunion Committee worried and worked hard. The Reunion was a group effort--with many little extra touches.

Our special thanks to Valeria Sheaffer Johnson for donating a copy of her brother's book, "Jack Sheaffer's Tucson 1945-1965" by Jack with Steve Emerine, for each of the packets given to the classmates attending the Reunion. For most of the past four decades, Jack Sheaffer used his camera to capture calamities and catastrophes, celebrities and ceremonies, presidents and princesses, and hundreds of other topics for readers of Tucson's morning newspaper, The Arizona Daily Star. 400 of his favorite photos are chronicled in the book, and the Class of 1950 and their families will enjoy this book for many years to come.

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**Joni Clore Price - What an Elegant, Swell-Elegant, Swell Party It Was!**

The heading quoted from song came to mind the Monday morning after our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. So many memories just happened in a special way. People were there that you have had contact with over the years; others that you have not seen since graduation. All of a sudden, so much personal history is flashing before your eyes. Below are some recollections from a very interested participant.

Some coincidental meetings occurred when an elevator door opened and there stood Theresa Guerrero Mallick; or after arriving at the hotel, recognized Betty Waring Butler in parking lot; another time, met Voris Cook Herman coming into hotel lobby.

Recapping some special memories out of my memory bank:

Remembering Ed Leigh as far back as 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Roskruge. Talking with Bill Condron, Doris Leggett Burns, Alice Sutherland Ward, Betty Norwood Sheehan; all from Miles Elementary. Visiting with Mr. Duffen, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Opal Bane-Ageton. Sitting at table Saturday night with Jeanne Hughes Shapiro, Jacqui Robinson Lucas, Carolyn Cox Hudgins, and Patti Myers Spaulding and realizing we had been friends for over 50 years; and that many tables around the room contained similar stories. Remembering with Tom Dickinson about Summer School, June 6, 1944, (D-Day). Missing Peggy Haymore Eich, who came for the reunion and then couldn't attend due to illness. Reading Don Carson's issues of Cactus Chronicles from our senior year with Jack Fellowes and Ann Kelley Boice in Hospitality Room. Meeting Jim Walker for the first time due to "double shift" schedule. Reminiscing with David Gardner about a party from Mansfield days. Hugging Kathy Dillas Brown (my graduation marching partner) and Lois Baker Sundt Mueller. Watching a surprised Barbara Baldwin Salyer receive a beautiful pendant designed and presented by Frank Patania. . . "Thanks for all your efforts from all". Listening to John Huerta's dinner greeting as he recalled "how it was with us in OUR TIME." Showing old photos of some of our senior girls at Sabino Canyon; Homer Darnell and Bob Martin looking on.

Two comments come to mind: Carolyn Hudgins' noting that "none of my friends have gray hair"; and Patti Spaulding remarking that she'd been working with people in Tucson business community who were classmates and didn't realize the Class of '50 connection until the Reunion. So many memories and stories; these are just a few of mine!

In closing, a huge THANK YOU to all who came and enjoyed it as much as the committee did. It was our pleasure!

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**Alba Bustamante Torres—Dedicated to the Round Tables, as well as Aida Wilkins Mendez and Lillian McAlpin Ulloa**

Dear Barbara: The way I describe our 50<sup>th</sup> THS Reunion--The best single thing about our 50<sup>th</sup> THS Reunion was the spirit felt in the entire event.

From the planning of it, to the present, the spirit of goodness permeated everything. Everyone involved in any way knew we were doing something very good, something productive.

The Reunion itself was filled with joy, the joy of each other's presence. It was also filled with energy and all the hard work which brought it about was abundantly in evidence as were abrazos and loveliness. Cooperation, team work, good leadership and being together, with fellow students, some of whom had not seen each other since graduation, was so good, so sweet and so full of surprises. Everyone was present, whether physically or not, because everyone was remembered.

The improvisations, which took place in order to accommodate the inevitable unexpected, were a credit to those in charge and those involved. This unique event was also a way to honor our parents and our teachers. It was well organized. It was not perfect, confirming our human aspect. Our reunion covered our past, our present and hopes for future reunions and ever-expanding legacies to the sons and daughters of Tucson High School. Cariñosamente, Alva B. Torres y Alba.

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### **Notes from the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

#### **Jack Fellowes**

Hi, just a note to thank you for making the reunion so special! Having thought of you all during the dark days in Hanoi, when my mind took me back to those days in THS, and how much it meant to me to have those great memories. I firmly believe you all helped me survive. As a result, you must understand how much I love all of you.

#### **Lois Baker Sundt Mueller:**

Thanks, thanks and more thanks for creating one of the brightest memories of my life. In an already full and blessed life, it was a topper. All your work was greatly appreciated, and I hope you'll pass on thanks to those whose e-mail addresses I may not have. What joy to share some time with the folks who once shared some of our most formative years! Blessings and love!

**Joe Japka:**

Just to thank you and all of the folks who contributed to a terrific experience at the reunion. My wife loved Tucson and all the friendly people we met. We stayed a week, and still had more to see, so some day we will return.

**Bill McGlynn:**

Thank you so much for all the effort that went into the class reunion. I don't think most of us know what's required to make a class reunion successful. I'm sure it takes lots of love and hard work. Yours was "The Best". It couldn't of been any better had you had Martha Stewart guiding you all the way. Thanks again for a job well done. God Bless.

**Bob Jinkens:**

Again, thank you for all the work. I really wanted to attend; I bought new luggage, put new brakes and tires on the car and was ready to go. It is a good think that we did not leave or we would have had to stop midway and drive back to Tulsa.

**John C. Blair:**

Gladys and I just got back and wanted to get this to you. You and all your associates did an absolutely wonderful job of setting up and running the reunion! We enjoyed every bit of it. The banquet at the Sheraton was outstanding! I enjoyed "catching up with quite a few old friends from 50 years ago, it was great. Thanks, thanks, thanks.

**Vernon Yeiter:**

You are probably going in circles at this time due to the festivities starting tomorrow 10/20, but wanted to say something to the class. I'm just a picture in the TUCSONIAN, but, I wanted to tell you that as much as we had hope to do so, my wife and I will not be able to attend.

To those of you who remember me, I wish I could be there to reminisce with you and talk about things we haven't talked about since I last saw you 25 years ago. Could it have been that long??? And to those of you who do not know or remember me, I wish to say Hi and tell you that it was a privilege to be a part of the Class of 1950. I would so much like to be there with you and to celebrate this joyous occasion!

I have always considered Tucson Senior High as my home school and enjoyed the happy times (and the sad ones too) I spent there. But, due to the health of my wife, Nancy, and many family obligations, as much as I would love to be there, I simply am not able to do so.

Thank you for keeping me up to date on the annual festivities over the past few years. You have kept me in touch with a very important part of my life, and I will be thinking of all of you every day this weekend. Wishing I could be part of it, and wishing the best to each and every one of you . . . . . Fondly, your fellow classmate.

**Classmates in Attendance at 50<sup>th</sup>:**

AGRON, Austin and Marilyn  
AGUIRRE, Fabiola (Gauna)  
ALLAIS, David  
ALLRED, Betty and John  
ALMADA, Gilbert and Connie  
ANDERSON, Ruth (McMains)  
BACAL, Martin and Eva  
BARTLETT, Geraldine (Flores)  
BATH, Margaret (Clampitt) and Hu  
BENNETT, Barbara  
BERNARD, Suzanne (Laws)  
BLAIR, John and Gladys  
BOICE, Ann (Kelley) and Fred  
BOURGEOIS, Angie (Mancillas) and Tony  
BOWEN, Mary Frances (Vest) and Barry  
BOYD, Jeannette (Bullock)  
BRADEN, Roger and Patricia  
BRAGG, Barbara (Cowper) and Bob  
BROWN, Kathy (Dillas)  
BURKHOLDER, Bob and Martha  
BURNS, Doris Ann (Leggett) and Jim  
BURNS, Hal and Anne Ferkovich  
BUTLER, Betty (Waring) and Ernie LeBlanc  
CAMPBELL, Don and June (Passer) '50  
CAMPILLO, Carolyn (Smith)  
CARRILLO, Genaro and Charlotte (Calvillo)  
CARRILLO, Robert and Betty (Lara)  
CARSON, Donald and Helen  
CASANOVA, Richard  
CHAN, Constance (Tang)  
CLAYTOR, Melroy and Kit  
COLBECK, Lloyd and Annette  
CONDON, William  
COTA, Viola (Gastelum)  
COURTIER, Arlyss (Bembery) and John  
CRAWFORD, Barbara (Burrows) and Ed  
CRIGLER, Dorothy "Susan" (Flewelling)  
CRUZ, Bennie  
CURD, Joan (Schulz) and Dick  
DAHLGREN, Donald and Kay  
DARNALL, Homer and Patricia  
DEAN, Derry (Mills) and William  
DELPH, Beatrice (Garcia) and Ernest  
DICKINSON, Tom and Joanna  
DIXON, Dolores (Almada)  
DON, Norma Jean  
DOTY, Mary Frances (Beal)  
DRACHMAN, Manny and Valerie  
EDMONSON, Travis and Rosemary

ELLIOT, Shirley-Mae (Lee) and Bill  
EWART, Nancy (Hughes) and Lloyd  
EWING, John and Gail  
FELDMAN, Stanley  
FELLOWES, Jack  
FISHBACK, Ann (Evans) and Al  
FULLER, David and Sharon  
FULLER, Katharine  
GARCIA, Elma (Padias) and Jesus  
GARDNER, David and Helen  
GARDNER, Joan (Malone) and Baxter  
GIRARD, Edna (Gillespie) and Jim  
GOODSON, Greg  
GOVINE, Belicia (Freudenthal)  
HALE, Gloria (King)  
HAMILTON, Trish (Marshall)  
HARRIS, Richard  
HAWKINS, Larry  
HAYES, Paul and Karen Schendel  
HERMAN, Voris "Vicki" (Cook)  
HERRERAS, Mary (Grace)  
HERRON, Ralph  
HESIDENCE, Julia (Rourke) and Harry  
HOPP, Bob  
HUDGINS, Carolyn (Cox) and Bob  
HUERTA, John and Nancy  
HULSE, Barbara  
HULSE, LeRoy  
HUMBLE, Marvin and Ginny  
HUMMEL, Glen  
IRSKENS, Lucille (Knagge) and Tyge  
JAPKA, Joe and Vera  
JOHNSON, Valeria (Sheaffer)  
KAUFMAN, Tave and Lynn  
KELLY, Tom  
KENNER, Lee and Allie Beth (Jordan) '50  
KLESSIG, Max and Jean  
KRMPOTICH, Bridget (Genovese) and James George  
LACAGNINA, Mike and Mary (Mantle) '50  
LEES, Chuck  
LEIGH, Edward  
LEMMOND, Beryl (Mitchell) and Park  
LEONARD, Jean (Ditzel) and Dutch  
LIM, Larry and Carol  
LITTLEWOOD, Pat (Keevan) and Bob  
LOHR, Anita (Barker)  
LOPEZ, Emma (Regeser) and Carl  
LOVEKIN, Anne (Davenport) and Bill  
LUCAS, Jacqui (Robinson) and Jack

MADALA, Loretta (Palermo) and John  
 MALLICK, Teresa (Guerrero) and Ralph  
 MARTIN, Robert and JoAnne  
 MARTINEZ, Yolanda (Vasquez)  
 MASSEY, Milton and Carolyn  
 McCOSKEY, Shirley (Poppenhouse) & George  
 McCURNIN, Aileen (Schell) and Bill  
 McDANIEL, Frank and Eunice (Buckeye) '50  
 McGLYNN, Bill and Jean  
 McGOVERN, Nance (Davis) and Paul  
 McILHENNEY, Bob and Marty  
 McKERNAN, Frank  
 McWENIE, Fred and Benita  
 MENAGER, Sally (Tellez) and Arthur  
 MENDEZ, Aida (Wilkins) and Joe  
 MOLINA, Helen (Arnett)  
 MONTANO, Jesus  
 MOONEY, Sylvia (Wesson)  
 MORALES, Hector and Elsa  
 MORRISON, Richard and Nancy (McRae) '50  
 MUELLER, Lois (Baker) Sundt  
 MYERS, David and Fred Daily  
 NARCHO, Herman and Miriam  
 NILSON, Barbara (Bowen) and Doug  
 O'NEIL, Robert and Annette Kay  
 ORTEGA, Armando and Bertha & Lisa  
 OZMUN, Joe and Mary  
 PACHECO, Dametrius  
 PARNELL, Thomas "Spike"  
 PATANIA, Frank and Donna  
 PATTY, Jack and Shirley (Stephey) '50  
 PEREZ, Mike and Carmen  
 PERKINS, Richard  
 PERRY, Ron and Carolyn Leigh  
 POWERS, Melodee (Gruber) and Burt  
 POWERS, Zola (Lyerly) and Larry  
 PRICE, Joni (Clore) and John  
 RAMOS, Dora (Ronquillo) and Frank  
 RAY, David and June  
 REDFERN, Gail (Haskell) and John  
 RICHARDS, Henry and Rose Mary  
 RIESGO, Elisa  
 RIGOLI, Al and Grace  
 RINCON, Jim and Linda  
 RIOJAS, Julia (Zepeda)  
 ROBBINS, Phil and Carolyn

RONQUILLO, Gloria (Guterrez) and Marcos  
 ROSEWEIR, Alice (Alexander)/Rene DeVolder  
 SALYER, Barbara (Baldwin)  
 SANDAL, Elberta (Glad) and daughter Inger  
 SARRELS, Mary Ann (Carson)  
 SENG, Dan and Joyce  
 SHAPIRO, Jeanne (Hughes)  
 SHEEHAN, Betty (Norwood) and Charles  
 SHERFEY, Richard and Maxine  
 SHUMAKER, Weldon and Marjorie (Seymour) '50  
 SIMPSON, Dee and Pat (James) '50  
 SINCLAIR, Murray  
 SMEDLEY, Betty (Roe)  
 SNYDER, Bob  
 SPAULDING, Patti (Myers) and Ed  
 STEDMAN, Florence (Mayo)  
 STEWART, Peggy (Klaiss) and Stu  
 STODDART, June (Snider) and Hugh  
 STRAHM, Doris (Myers) and Robert  
 SUNDT, H. Wilson "Unkie" and Dorothy  
 SUTHERLAND, Alicia (Sotomayor) and Bill  
 SUTTON, Doug and Susie  
 THOMAS, Bob  
 THOMAS, Jack  
 TORRES, Alva (Bustamante)  
 VAUGHN, Elaine (Orth) and Alan  
 VERCH, Otto  
 WALKER, James and Nadine  
 WALLACE, Maureen (Grafton) and Paul  
 WALTER, Alice (Cervantes)  
 WALTON, Norma (Fowble) and Harold  
 WARD, Alice (Sutherland) and Ben  
 WEAKLAND, Charlotte (Leon)  
 WHEELER, Richard  
 WILSON, Bob and Ann  
 WIRTH, Betty (Gross)  
 WONG, Ora (Lee) and Jim  
 YOUNG, Katie (Coker) and Don



### **IN MEMORIUM:**

We are sorry to report the deaths of the following classmates since the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion:

#### **Ted Buford:**

Theodore Isaac Buford, 67, of Tucson, Arizona, died January 2, 2001. Husband of Jean Buford; father of Dona Sizemore, Stanley Belpont and Curtis Belpont; grandfather of Kelsey and Derek; son of Leona Buford; and brother of Susan Mottl. Mass was offered at 12:00 Noon, Friday, January 5, 2001 at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by Bring's Broadway Chapel, Tucson, Arizona.

Editor's Note: Several of the Reunion Committee talked to Ted on the telephone, and he indicated that he was going to attend. However, he was not in attendance.

#### **Nancy McRae Morrison:**

Nancy McRae Morrison, 68, of La Luz, New Mexico, passed away November 15, 2000. Born June 13, 1932 in Phoenix, Arizona and educated in Tucson and Phoenix public schools. Nancy graduated in 1950 from Tucson High School and attended the University of Arizona. In 1993, following a 24-year residency in College Station, Texas, she moved to New Mexico. She is survived by her husband Richard K. Morrison (another member of the THS Class of 1950), one son Richard K. "Ken" Morrison II, wife Denise and two children, Eva and Will, of Ft. Collins, Colorado; and two daughters Ellen M. "Emmy" Morrison and her husband Christian "Chris" Robblan of Ithaca, New York, and Adrine A. Morrison of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Nancy's interests were many and varied. She was an active member of the Chaparral Kennel Club of Alamogordo, the Chaparral Bulldog Club of Albuquerque, the Tularosa Basin Rockhound Club, and the Otero County Native Plant Society. She and Richard had recently celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Tucson High School Class of 1950. She was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

Editor's Note: We are so happy Nancy was in attendance at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and so many of us got to visit with her. We will miss her!

### **1950 THS YEARBOOK:**

The Reunion Committee supplied 12 classmates with duplicates of the 1950 THS Yearbook. The Committee voted to have our yearbook scanned onto a compact disk so that if any of our classmates would like to replace a lost yearbook, we are able to do so. The cost of a copy of the yearbook is \$35.00, including mailing cost. Let us know if you want a copy.

### **THS BADGER FOUNDATION BREAKFAST**

We were thrilled that both Ann (Kelley) Boice and her husband Fred Boice (Class of '48) were both inducted into the Tucson Badger Hall of Fame at the Foundation Breakfast on

Saturday during our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. 134 classmates were in attendance from the Class of 1950 to support Ann, the THS Badger Foundation, and Tucson High School.

The following members of the Class of 1950 have become members of the Tucson High School Foundation Hall of Fame:

1989	Judge Stanley G. Feldman
1995	Alva (Bustamante) Torres
1996	H. Wilson "Unky" Sundt
1998	Judge G. Thomas Meehan (deceased)
1999	Donald W. Carson
2000	Ann (Kelley) Boice

Ross Sheard, Principal of Tucson High School, and his staff led members of the Classes of 1950 and 1960 on a tour of the High School after the Badger Breakfast. Many changes have been made since we were in attendance.

**REMINDERS:**

**Hope to see you in April. Found Missing Classmates? Send your e-mail address.**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT IT HAS BEEN 115 DAYS SINCE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION?**

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