

MHS NATIONAL TREASURES
“OUR GOLDEN OLDIES”
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1929 through 1942 members

Again, we are honoring our “National Treasurers” of the Mangum High School Alumni Association. Our members enjoy hearing from and about these ‘ol Alumni’, some of whom walked the halls of the first two high schools built in Mangum and still recall the ‘old junior high’ as being the same school which opened in 1905. A new high school, which opened in 1920, changed the status of the ‘grande old high school’ of 1905.; it burned to the ground 8 February 1962. Today’s middle school stands on land where the once majestic original high school was built. And today’s High School stands on the land where the Old Edison Grammar School once stood. Hallowed ground we call it..... talk about “carrying on the tradition”.

Each year we find another living member through friends or relatives and we try our best to contact that member and/or the family for more information. Below, you will find current information on our oldest alumni members, some of whom have called this historian or family members have let us know their whereabouts. We’re sad to learn of the deaths, but closure is better than ‘unknown’ to the Alumni family.

Class of 1929 is still celebrating two living members: Anna Hunter and Russell Pierson. **Anna Fritsche Hunter** each 101 in 2012. We visited with her in Richardson, Texas, during her birthday month and Anna still communicates everyday by e-mail. **Her** dues are paid for 2013. Her daughter, Jeanne Green, lives close by and some of her large extended family sees Anna every day. Ms. Hunter holds the title of ‘oldest MHS Grad’. Her sister, also a MHS Grad, lived to be 102 and still holds the title of ‘oldest on record’. I have a feeling Anna will break her sister’s record. She’s a very energetic and busy lady.

Again, in September 2013, this writer visited **Russell Pierson** in his office at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. He celebrated 101 in December. Unfortunately, his eldest daughter, LaNese, passed away in January 2013; a very sad moment in the life of a parent. **His other daughter lives in Pauls Valley.**

Class of 1932 **Helen Wickersham Butterfield** lives in Florida and has already made plans to be here. **Helen was the Alumni Parade Marshal in 2008.** Helen writes or calls throughout the year to keep us abreast of the Wickershams. **Deloris Norris Freeman** lives in Texas near her daughter, Kae Porter. Kae says her mom remembers current happenings and events and is doing well. We believe these may be the last two living members of this class.

Class of 1933 This class lost **Virginia Ktherlyn Chitwood Schmit** last May 2012, in Dallas, Texas. Thanks to the help of Juanita Powers Redden, for sending the obit.

Class of 1934 **Juanita Barnes Pitts**, lives in California. Her daughter, Vicki, wrote this year by e-mail that her mother lives alone, drives her own car, is active in her church and weekly bible study, is in a card group and stays very active. Juanita did ask about her classmates. **Margaret Singley Moss, Hobart, Ok**, visited with this Historian during this past year; she lives in the Hobart Living Center. She has another sister, Al' Louise Singley Cupp, who lives in Arizona. **Maxine McCaleb Hill** still lives in Abilene, Texas, as far as we know; she lost her twin last year but was living with another sister, according to her nephew.

Class of 1935 **Pat Chambers Curtis** passed Baway at Grace Living Center in January 2013 in Mangum. **Olga Shadid Hawkins** stays active in Altus; she lost her older brother Ned Shadid, Class of 1931, in 2011. **Lenore Arnett Young** still lives in New Mexico as far as we know.

Class of 1936 **Nell Wickersham** is living in a Georgetown, Texas, assisted living facility and is happy to have her niece Mary Ann Miller keeping her abreast of alumni events. Mary sent this writer a picture book of memories taken during Alumni Weekend 2012. Nell keeps in regular contact with sister, Helen. Alumni records show **Rhonda Francis Short** living in Midwest City, OK., and **Vestal Litton Nobbs** living in Hacienda Heights, CA.

Class of 1937 **Juanita Bennett Moore** passed away in 2012. Her daughter, Jane, from Arkansas, called this writer in January 2013, and talked about the instructions her mother gave regarding all of her Alumni artifacts..... Jane sent some very special memories from her mother. **Ruth Dodson St. Onge**, still lives in Gulf Port, Mississippi, and has sent her dues for 2012. **Corrinne Maxfield Wheeler**, still lives in Waurika, OK. This writer visited her last October in Duncan while she was hospitalized. Her daughter, Donna Myers, and husband, are care givers for Corrinne. Picture attached **Mary Jo Overby Guilfoyle**, lives in Overland Park, Kansas; **Janet Olive Carlson** and husband, **Elom Carlson Jr.**, still live in Gravois Hill, Missouri. **Dovie Byars Slape**, California, lives with her daughter and son-in-law again this year, coming from California. **Jerre Parker Northcutt** stil lives in Dallas, Texas, as far as our records show. **Al' Louise Singley Cupp**, Lake Havasau, Arizona, is known as "Tiny" I'm told. She lives with her children. **Perry Morgan's** son e-mailed us that his father died in October 2012. He found our Alumni on the web site. Mr. Morgan's niece, Hellen Wright Stickle, lives in Mangum now.

Class of 1938 **James (Jim) C. Hall**, age 92, lives in Mangum now, moving here in November 2011, from Aztec, N.M. **Harold Stubbs**, is still in Galveston and e-mails with this Historian regularly; he has sent his dues for 2012. We are told by local relatives that **D.R. Waldroop** is still living in Lawton at his same address. Thanks to my sister, Bonnie Smith, for running down this information from local relatives. **Irma Davis Gates** still lives in Derby, Kansas, as far as we know. **Mildred Orendorff Brewer** still lives in Cleburne Texas and is well cared for by her children, according to her sister-in-law, Joan Brewer Harris (1957).

Class of 1939 **Margaret Gray Carder**, has bought her ticket and is still matriculating around Mangum. Another classmate, **Joe Head**, lives in Mangum; he and Jim C. Hall are life long friends, together once again after 74 years. Can you imagine the conversations held by these two? **Broadace and Wynona (Houpe) Elkins**, still live in Texas and **James P. Garrett**, is still in Oklahoma City. **Robert Brasher, California, passed away in 2013.**

Class of 1940 **James Stroup, Silverton, OR**, contacted this writer in May 2010. Haven't heard from him this past year. **Hilma Byars**, is the younger brother of Dovie Byars Slape '37. Hilma still lives in California and stays in touch with Dovie. **Fleeta Taylor Lynch, The Woodlands, Texas**, keeps this Historian informed about her life by phone and mail and writes to her main man-friend, Jim C. Hall, Class of 1938. She sends greetings to her classmates. **Jack Givens** still lives in Mangum and will serve as Parade Marshal in 2013. Jack usually attends all the alumni activities and is seen around Mangum on a daily basis. **Juanita Powers Redden** passed away January 25, 2013, in Coppell, Texas.....a week past her 90th birthday. Her three children, Rick, Laura and Jim, took good care of her as well as her very special daughter in law, Sally. She enjoys her Assisted Living facility was able to see her younger sister, Annette, regularly the past year. **Rosabelle Thompson** lives in Okemah, OK, and **Ola Rhea Hash**, still lives in Washington State as far as we know. **Juanita Owen Breskin**, Ft. Worth, Texas, is the sister of John Owen, Willow, who stays in touch with this writer. **Virgil W. Smith** still attends the yearly events at Quartz Mountain.

Class of 1941 On March 17, 2012, **Tommy Buchanan of Hobart**, called this writer to tell me he's very much alive and battling health problems; but, he's survived them all and is back at home right at this time. He sees **Margaret Singley Moss** at the Hobart Living Center where he visits daily and eats his meals. He surprised this Historian by driving to Mangum in 2012 for a follow-up visit. . His daughter, Connie Ard, is an employee of Elkview Hospital. **Annette Powers Meader** went to live in Coppell, Texas, very near to her sister, Juanita Powers Redden. **Claude Smith, Mangum**, lives at Grace Living Center. His daughter, Claudia Graham, **Claude was Marshal of the Alumni Parade in 2011.** Marjorie Arnett Houck is still in Ft. Worth, Texas, as far as we know. We have **Virginia Kotte Egermeier** living in Cangoga Park, CA, on the records. **Eleanor Boyd Farris**, Tacoma Washington, is alive and well. Her sister, Louise Boyd Mathews, lives in Mangum, and keeps the Alumni informed. **Fred Carnes**, still lives in Ada, OK., as far as we know. Peggy Short Hoover has moved from Duncan.....we show her living in Evans, GA. We show Mildred Demin Wilbourn in Weatherford; Carl Shortt in OKC; June Conrad Yerby in Leawood, Kansas, and Betty House Zeaman in Yukon, OK. **Marie Scott Brandt**, Bethany, OK, generally attends activities in Mangum every year.

Class of 1942 This class had three members turn out in 2012 for their 70th reunion. Jean Hall Robberson of Pasadena, CA; Minnie Grace Tidmore McGovern from Roseburg,

Oregon, and Jake Smith, Abilene, Texas. Other classmates who have kept in touch or visited with other classmates by phone or internet include: LaTheil Penley Davidson of Tuscon, AZ; Sue Bryant Horn, Chickasha, OK;(picture) Nora Mae Mothersead Schindler, Oklahoma City; Mary Louise Gilliam Jantzen, Dallas; Jack Treadwell, Homosassa, Florida; Dewey C. Penley, Denver, CO; Roy F. Heatly, Bayfield, CO, and Sam E. Smith, Sun City, CA.

Always hoping to learn more about our Alumni; please call 580-782-5107 or e-mail joy.grant@sbcglobal.net. History is only as good as it is accurate, therefore, we appreciate updates.