

MHS NATIONAL TREASURES
“OUR GOLDEN OLDIES”
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1932 through 1946 members

Again, we are honoring our “National Treasures” of the Mangum High School Alumni Association. They have left big foot prints for us to follow.

The most senior Alumnus of the MHS Association, from the 1932 class, is Helen Wickersham Butterfield, who turned 103 on March 8, 2017. She has decided to not make the trip this year since there is no one to accompany her on the plane from Florida.

In the 1934 class, we have one classmate living that we are aware of: **Juanita Barnes-Pitts, of California.** Her daughter keeps us abreast of her mom. She turned 102 in January 2017.

The Class of 1935, we know, has a living classmate: **Olga Shadid Hawkins** of Altus.

The class of 1936 has a classmate, **Rhonda Francis Short** of **Midwest City,** who still corresponds with this Historian the old fashioned way: U. S. mail.

The class of 1937 has **Ruth Dodson St Onge** living in Mississippi. She is 97 and has sent her dues for 2017. She thrilled this Historian when she corresponded by U. S. mail. On March 28, 2017, Ruth called to talk history and is sending me history. Her father did his medical practice in Willow, OK. He was a **MHS 1900 grad** and had to go elsewhere to get his 12th year of schooling and begin his medical studies. Mangum, Texas, only had 11 years of schooling. I learned she is a cousin to Sharon Phipps and the late Doris Underwood Uechart, of Willow, who lived to be 104. Ruth attended Mangum HS two years and had WONDERFUL teachers. She remembers Miss Mary Hall and Miss Tommie Johnson. Ruth is a retired teacher.

The classes of 1938 and 1939 have two local classmates living in Mangum: **Jim C. Hall, '38.** and **Joe Head, '39.** They were buddies growing up in Mangum, corresponded with each other for 70 years and are both living in Mangum at the present time.

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 1932 **Helen Wickersham Butterfield** lives in Florida. Helen lost her sister, Nell, in 2016, just before Nell's 100th birthday in June. **Helen was the Alumni Parade Marshal in 2008.**

Class of 1934 **Juanita Barnes Pitts**, lives in California. Her daughter, Vicki, reported that her mother is doing well and enjoys her assisted living church and weekly bible study.

Class of 1935 **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; however, her mail returned in 2015.

Class of 1936 **Rhonda Francis Short** still lives in the Oklahoma City area and still writes a very legible letter.

Class of 1937 **Ruth Dodson St. Onge**, lives in Gulf Port, Mississippi, and has sent her dues for 2016. **Mary Jo Overbey Guilfoyle passed away in 2017**, according to her cousins, Beth White and Barbara Thompson Blake. **Dovie Byars Slape** passed away in 2016, according to her daughter, Janet, of California. **Al' Louise Singley Cupp**, Arizona, passed away October 2016, according to correspondence from her daughter.

Class of 1938 **James (Jim) C. Hall**, age 95, lives in Mangum now, moving here in November 2011, from Aztec, N.M. He has three sisters who are MHS grads: Joy, Bonnie and Nancy (Hall). **D.R. Waldroop** and wife were spotted shopping in Sam's Wholesale by this Historian in 2016. It appears he stays quite active. **Irma Davis Gates** still lives in Derby, Kansas, as far as we know; however her invitation returned in 2015. **Mildred Orendorff Brewer** still lives in Cleburne, Texas, as far as we know, close to her children. **Harold Stubbs passed away in 2016 according to his daughter.**

Class of 1939 **Joe Head**, lives in Mangum and **Rev. Broadace Elkins**, still lives in Lytle, Texas, His niece is Carol Jean Scivally of Mangum.

Class of 1940 **Hilma Byars**, is the younger brother of Dovie Byars Slape '37. Hilma still lives in California. **Fleeta Taylor Lynch, The Woodlands, Texas**, has sent her dues this year and keeps this Historian informed. **Rosabelle Thompson** lives in Okemah, OK. **Virgil W. Smith** passed away in 2016.

Class of 1941 **Claude Smith, Mangum**, lives with family and was Marshal of the Alumni Parade in 2011. **Fred Carnes**, still lives in Ada, OK., and drove himself to Mangum summer of 2016 so he could tell this Historian he was alive and very capable of taking care of himself. He was a delight to visit with. He's already paid his dues for 2017. **Eleanor Boyd Farris, Tacoma Washington**, sister of Louise Price-Mathews, passed away in 2016

Class of 1942 75th celebration: 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 keep in touch with this Historian or visited with other classmates by phone or

internet include: **LaTheil Penley Davidson** of Tuscon, AZ; **Sue Bryant Horn**, Chickasha, OK; **Nora Mae Mothersead Schindler**, Oklahoma City, has sent her dues for 2017; **Mary Louise Gilliam Jantzen**, Dallas; **Jack Treadwell**, Homosassa, Florida, has sent his dues for 2017. We heard from **Willa Lovelace Crawford's** daughter in Nevada in 2013; as far as we know, Willa is still living. Learned recently that **Roy F. Heatly died May 2016**, in Bayfield, Colorado. **Sam E. Smith**, Sun City, CA, passed away February 2017. He was the brother of twins, the late Clyde and Claude Smith. Also learned recently that **Jean Smiley Rinkle** is deceased.

Class of 1943 Still active on our roles: **Bettye Mildred Jones Smith**, Norman, OK, who attended the banquet in 2016. **Mary Kathryn Roach Matthews**, The Woodlands, Texas; **Thomas J. Hash**, Lebanon, OR; **Ermalee Simmons Atkinson**. Bayfield CO; **Billy and Nell Caldwell**, OKC; **John W. Cox**, Pass Chris, Mississippi; **Patricia Cawthon Meeks**, Alexandria, VA; **Joyce McGuire Olive**, Dallas; **Betty Greer Raulston**, unknown; **Harold Savage**, San Diego, CA.

Class of 1944 Still active on the roster: **Betty J. Short Burris**, Norman; **Arlene Dowdy Dudenhoefter**, Amarillo; **Mildred Smith Jeffries**, Garland, TX; **Ima Francis Johnson**, Seiling, OK; **Ben Lockerd**, Ft. Smith, AR; **Betty Talley Manning**, OKC; **Buraye Copeland McCann**, Haskell, OK; **Melba Foster Petty**, Ardmore; **Thomas Sechler**, Houston.

CLASS OF 1945 Still on the active roll: **Doralee Goode Adams**, Tulsa; **Junelle Banister Bean**, Delano, CA; **Evelyn Dillahunty Boone**, Sugarland, Texas; **Bobbe Hathaway Herman**, Virginia; **Vada Proctor Maxfield**, Cortez, Colorado, where she lives with her grand daughter; **Evelyn Dutton Price**, Altus; **Bill Starr**, Mangum, and **Hubert Whitener**, Virginia.

CLASS of 1946 **Arden Hawkins, Lubbock**, called this **Historian** and his daughter sent a picture of the Arden with his three children. Arden is a widower. Arden told this **Historian** that he's still going into work each day. He asked about **Darrell Wilhite**, **Louise Smith (Howard)** and **Jean Anglin Hawkins**. He said he used to drive the school bus

(when he was a senior) for the schools coming in from the Martha area. He made \$30 a month. Other classmates on the 'active' roll include: Clota Yarbrough Parker, California; Alene Kotte Brown, Amarillo; Jean Anglin Hawkins, Mangum, Louise Smith Howard, Mangum.



Arden Hawkins, seated; his children.

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