

**3.12.2022**  
**MHS NATIONAL TREASURES**  
**“OUR GOLDEN OLDIES”**  
**By Joy Hall Grant, Alumni Co-Historian**

**May 2022**  
**Class of 1940 through Class of 1953**

**THE CENTURY GRADS PAST & PRESENT\*\*Living**

**Clara Mae Fritsche Polk MHS 1915 100+**

**Cleo Mae Singley Martin MHS 1926 100+**

**Anna Fritsche Hunter MHS 1929 104**

**Russell Pierson MHS 1929 100+**

**Edra Harris McClung MHS 1931 100+**

**Helen Wickersham Butterfield MHS 1932 AGE 106**

**Juanita Barnes Pitts MHS 1934 AGE 105**

**\*\*Olga Shadid Hawkins MHS 1935 103**

**Rhonda Francis Short MHS 1936 100+**

**Ruth Dodson St. Onge MHS 1937 100+**

**D. R. (Daniel) Waldroop MHS 1938 102**

Again, we are honoring our “National Treasures” of the Mangum High School Alumni Association. Our members enjoy hearing from and about these “older alumni members”, 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 as the first high school in Mangum. A new high school on Pennsylvania Avenue opened in 1920 and burned to the ground 8 February 1962. Today’s middle school stands on land where the once majestic ‘grande ‘ol original 1905 high school’ was built. Today’s ‘new gym’ stands on land where the 1920 high school once proudly stood. And today’s High School stands on the land where the Old Edison Grammar School once stood. Behind today’s high school once stood a one room

wooden school and then a rock two story school; these schools housed all the grades. Erecting the North Ward School and a South Ward School helped relieve overcrowding for several years before the new Edison opened in 1909. Mangum schools sit on hallowed ground as we call it.....donated to Mangum by Judge James A. Powers family. Today's graduates are “carrying on the tradition”.

**The Alumni MHS Association** lost its oldest living alum in 2020: **Class of 1932 alumnae, Helen Wickersham Butterfield, who lived in Florida. She was 106 years young. The second oldest, Class of 1934, Juanita Barnes-Pitts, California, passed in 2020 also; she was 105.** Juanita's daughter, Vicki Caine, kept us abreast of her mom.

Even though it has been a Covid challenge, 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 1936, Class of 1937, Class of 1938, and Class of 1939** have no living members showing on the Alumni records.

**Class of 1940** **Fleeta Taylor Lynch, The Woodlands, Texas, and Hilma Byars,** both passed away in 2020. No other correspondence with this class.

**Class of 1941** No correspondence with this class in a few years.

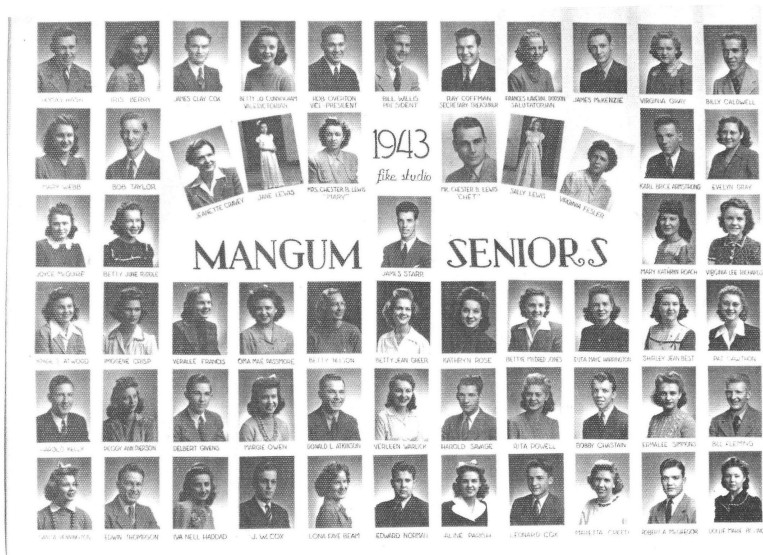
**Class of 1942** lost its class president, **Jake Smith,** Amarillo, in 2021 according to his daughter. We believe **LaTheil Penley, Minnie Grace Tidmore McGovern** from Roseburg, Oregon, and **Louise Gilliam Jantzen** of Texas, are still living.



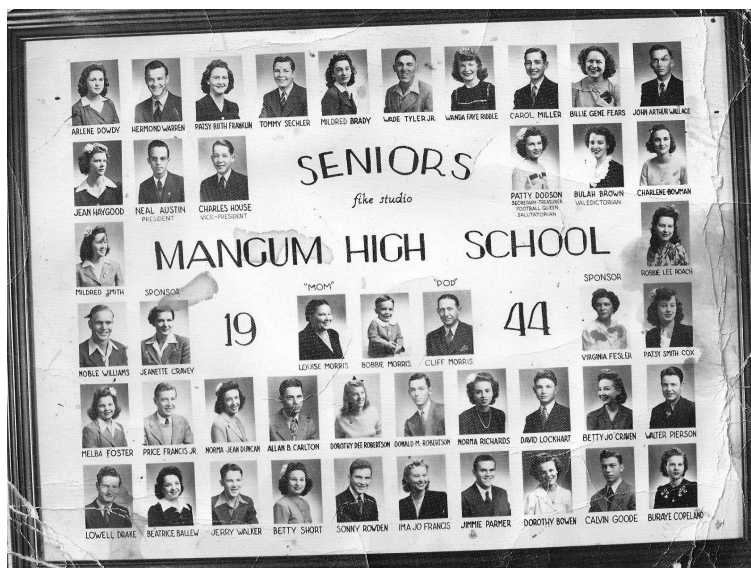
**Mary Jantzen '1942**



**Class of 1943** Mr. Ray Coffman, Mangum, served as **Parade Marshal in 2014**. He lives in Mangum and has good support from family. His wife, Doris, passed away in 2021. **Mr. Coffman may be our oldest living alumnus now**. One class member, **Betty Mildred Jones Smith**, attends activities when she can. No correspondence from **John W. Cox**, Pass Chris, Mississippi, or **Patricia Cawthon Meeks**, Alexandria, VA. Whereabouts unknown: **Joyce McGuire Olive**, Dallas; and **Harold Savage**, San Diego, CA. **Class Parents** were Chester and Mary Lewis who operated the first soft ice cream drive-in on South Pennsylvania.



**Mr. Ray Coffman '43 MHS**




## Class of 1944

**Classmates:** Neal F. Austin, Beatrice Ballew, Dorothy J. Bowen, Charlene Bowman, Mildred J. Brady, Beulah Brown, Betty Craven, Allen Carleton, BuRaye Copeland, Jim Daniels, Patricia Dodson, Lowell W. Drake, Arlene Dowdy, Norma J. Duncan, Melba Foster, Bill Eugene Fears, Gerald Fleming, James Fleming, Melba E. Foster, George P. Francis Jr., Ima Jo Francis, Patsy R. Franklin, Calvin M. Goode, Carol Harvey, Ima Jean Haygood, Charles House, Ben G. Lockerd, David H. Lockhart, Clifford Morris, James R. Parmer, Walter W. Pierson, James Rawdon, Norma Richards, Wanda F. Riddle, Robbie L. Roach, Dorothy D. Robertson, Donald Robertson, Thomas Sechler, Betty J. Short, Patsy Smith-Cox, Mildred Smith, Betty Talley Wade Tyler Jr., Jerry A. Walker, John A. Wallace, Hermond L. Warren, Noble Williams, R. A. Wilson

**Still shown active on the roster:** Betty J. Short Burris, Norman; Arlene Dowdy Dudenhoeffer, Amarillo; Mildred Smith Jeffries, Garland, TX; Ima Francis Johnson, Seiling, OK; Betty Talley Manning, OKC; Buraye Copeland McCann, Haskell, OK; Melba Foster Petty, Ardmore; Thomas Sechler, Houston. No correspondence from this class in several years. **Class Parents were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morris.** We do know Arlene Dowdy lost her brother, Glenn Dowdy February 2022. She lives in Amarillo.

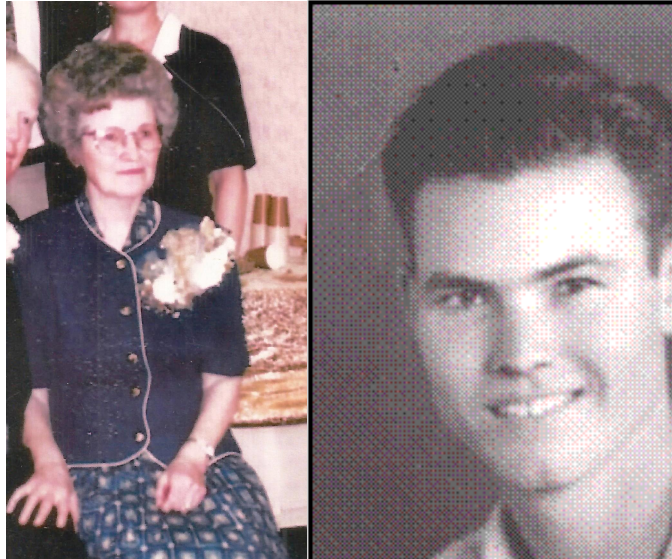
*Program*



Prelude	}	High School Band
Processional		C. E. Dodge, Director
Flag Salute		Ray Keith Babb
America (first and last verses)		Audience
Invocation		Rev. C. E. Dodge First Presbyterian Church
Salutatorian		Bill Greer
Piano Solo		Eula Faye Williams
Address		Hollis Arnett

This was a small World War II class with 31 students.

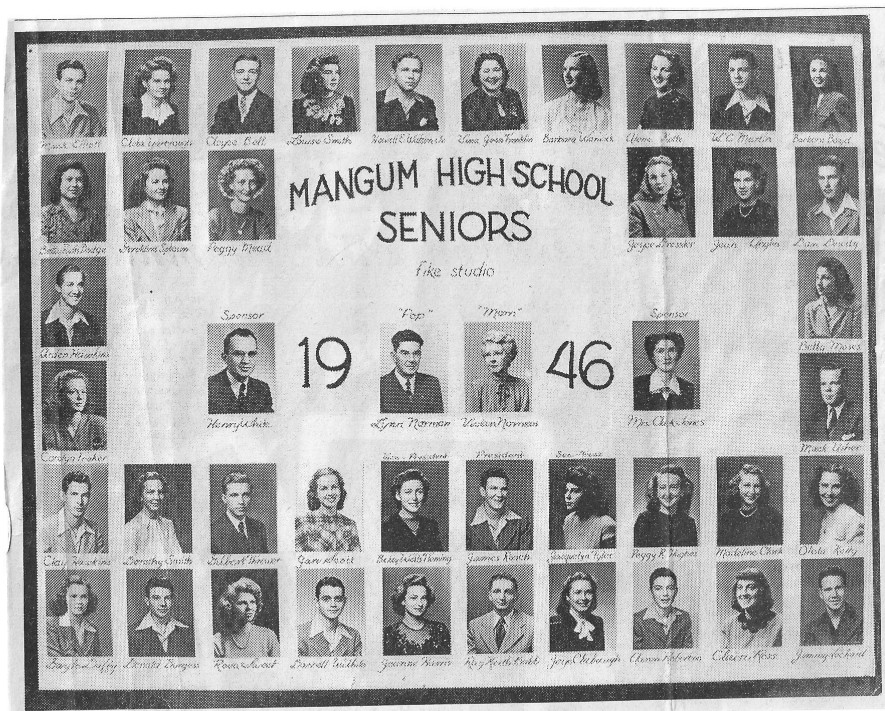
**Bill Star** has passed away and we learned recently that **Vada Proctor Maxfield** has passed away.



Vada Proctor Maxfield Talma Sadler....Both 1945 Grads

**CLASS OF 1945** This class lost **Bill Starr** in 2021, of Mangum. **Still on the active roll:** **Doralee Goode Adams**, Tulsa; **Junelle Banister Bean**, Delano, CA; **Evelyn Dillahunty Boone**, Sugarland, Texas; **Bobbe Hathaway Herman**, Virginia; **Evelyn Dutton Price**, Altus; **Hubert Whitener**, Virginia, and **Talma Sadler**, Texas. **Talma** received his high school diploma recently under the Oklahoma law offering military personnel who served the USA to receive their diploma. This Historian hears from Talma about twice a year. **Mr. and Mrs. John Parmer** were **Class Parents**.

## CLASS OF 1946



**Classmates:** Jean Anglin, Ray K. Babb, Cloyce Bell, Barbara Boyd, Donald Burgess, Betty Carbrew, Joye Clabaugh, Madeline Clark, Dan Dowdy, Joyce Dressler, Gayle Duffy, Mack Elliott, Carolyn Fraker, Vina J. Franklin, Arden Hawkins, Clay Hawkins, Jeanne Harris, Geraldine Humphrey, Oleta Kelly, Alene Kotte, Jimmy Lockerd, W. C. Martin, Peggy Mead, Betty Moses, Lynn Norman, James Roach, Aaron Robertson, Peggy Rose, Claire Ross, Jan Scott, Dorothy Smith, Louise Smith, Rose Sweet, Bonnie Thompson, Gilbert Thrower, Jacque Tyler, Mack Usher, Barbara Warwick, Howell Watson, Jr., Mary E. Welch, Betty Wells, Darrell Wilhite, Clota Yarbrough

**Arden Hawkins, Lubbock, TX, hasn't contacted the Alumni Board recently.** In past correspondence 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; and **Louise Smith Howard**, Mangum. This Historian hears from Clota Parker every Christmas when she sends pictures of her very large extended family. **Lynn and Vivia Norman** were Class Parents.

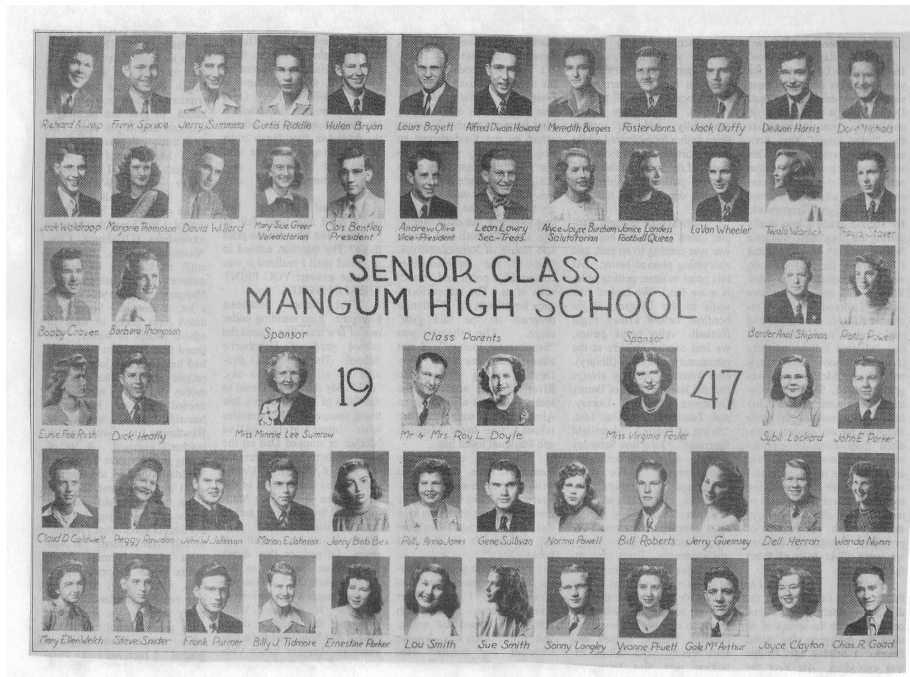


**Louise Smith Howard, Mangum**  
**Class of 1946**  
**This Historian talks to her daily.**



**Clota Yarbrough Parker, California;**  
**Class of 1946**  
**She corresponds with this Historian.**

## CLASS OF 1947



**CLASS OF 1947** lists thirteen classmates still living. This was a huge class of 73 graduates. Barbara Thompson Blake has been keeping records of this class and she has recently moved back to Mangum. Those still living on record include Patsy Powell Robertson and Barbara Thompson Blake.

**Deceased** more recently: Wanda Nunn Stover, Mary Sue Greer Lamie (shortly after her 90<sup>th</sup> BD); Gale McArthur, and Marjorie Starr.

## Class of 1948



Mrs. Doolen reading to the to-be seniors of 1948 class. Probably first grade 1936.





**Class of 1948** celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2018. Francene Smith drove herself from Seguin, Texas, to attend this important milestone. This is another large post-war era class which started with over 50 graduates. Living today are Ben Sorrells, Jr., and wife Velda Nelson Hatton Sorrells, Mangum; Jo Ella Collier, Louisiana; Mary Morrison DeLorio, Texas; Harold Hoffman, Texas; Lee Brewer, Elk City; Jo Ware Marshall, California; Delbert Clancy, Arizona; Everett Smith, San Antonio; Francene Vaughn Smith, Seguin, Texas; Mary Hare Woodward, California; Rita Goad Rinearson, OKC; Charles Roach, Edmond; Virginia Brundige Zinn, Mangum; Otis Killingsworth Stovall, Texas; and Joyce Moses Thomas, OKC.

**Class Parents** were Dr. and Mrs. Fred Sellers.



**Francene Vaughn Smith Seguin, Texas 1948 Grad**



**Velda Nelson Hatton-Sorrells**  
**Ben Sorrells Jr. Both Mangum 1948 Grads**

## CLASS OF 1949



Many thanks to Sara Lockerd for her continuous input; also to Glen Dowdy for his assistance to Sara in keeping records through the years..

## Sara B. Tidmore-Lockerd Class of 1949



**CLASS OF 1949** was a very large class with 72 members. They can still boast taking home the “most attendees plaque” at the banquets for several years. **Members living today are:** Philip L. Armstrong, Sara B. Beck Tidmore, Dorothy Graumann, Martha Ann Greer, Ralph Helper, Hurshell Hunt, Donald E. Jackson, Milton Johnson Jr., John B. Jones, Ms. Jerry Kemper, Marjorie Lockerd Hall, Peggy Lynch, Gene Lyon, Helen McMahan, Ruth Ann Mosby, Nancy Neil Gee Melba Powell, Lyndol L. Pruett, Louella Sewell, Mary Robin Shinn and P.A. Walker.

Most recent death was **Glenn Dowdy**, Amarillo, who passed February 2022. He also lost his wife last year. He kept up with classmates until his death. **Margaret Wharton Caffey** also passed away recently; she lived in Mangum.

**Class of 1949 members deceased or whereabouts unknown:** Bennie Jo Akers, Doris J. Avery, Kent V. Avery, Betty Babb, Ms. Gary J. Cherry, Margaret Copelin, Joe O. Duffy II, Martha Ann Greer, Balma C. Grubbs, Joyce Halford Wasson, Sybil L. Hall, Donald Holley, DeLoyce James Debut, J. Clark Jones, Peggy Klepper, Russell Lessor, Ed Martin, John Mitchell, Louanne Moon, Roland Mc Alexander, Tex Parker, Clint Ponder, Melba Powell, Thelma Roulain, Jewett S. Scott Jr., Richard Slaten, Oleta Snipes, Dick Swoboda, Tommy Tillman, Jack R. Warden, John D. Wasson, Glenn Dowdy.

**Class Parents: Dr. and Ms. Van Parmley.**

## **Class of 1950 & 1951 at Mangum High**



Top Row, Left to right: Wanda Killingsworth, Janiece Willard, Viola Graumann, Mary Helen Goode, Twila Arms, Evelyn Barrett, Marcia Shumate, Nora Belle Walker, Lynda Wiginton, Johnnie Wilburn, Ella Francis Taylor and Henry White.

Second Row, Left to right: Kent Ragsdale, Byrom Cartwright, Joe Sullivan, Clay Briggs, C. A. Ross, H. C. Anglin, Kenneth Powell, Kenneth Wilson, Mike Venable.

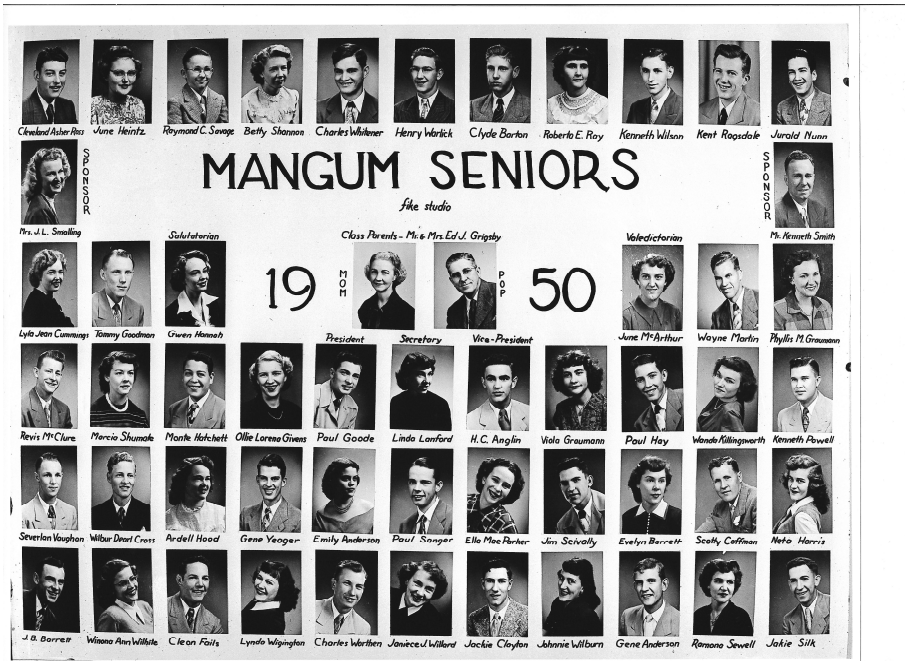
Front Row, Left to right: Eugene Yeager, Jurald Nunn, J. B. Barrett, Ronald Kinslow, Charles Whitener, Don Mathews, Raymond Brundige, and Tommy Goodman.

Ella Mac Parker and Linda Lanford are not shown in the picture.

Diversified Occupations, a part of Vocational Trade and Industrial Education, became a part of the Mangum School curriculum in 1937. It has operated continually since that time with the following objectives kept foremost in the minds of the trainees:

1. To increase the skill and knowledge in the occupation of the trainees choosing.
2. To increase the civic and vocational intelligence of the trainee.
3. To develop personality qualities necessary for promotion and job security.
4. To develop character traits.





**CLASS OF 1950** had a headcount of 56 classmates. This was the first yearbook since the 1939 class. **Members living by our records:** Emily Anderson, M. Gene Anderson, H. C. Anglin, J. B. Barrett, Clyde Barton, Oleta Burris, Scotty Coffman, Wilbur Cross, Lyla J. Cummings, Cleon Fails, Ollie 'Sistie' Givens, Riley, Gerald T. Hall-Richards, Paul Hay, Linda R. Lanford, Revis McClure, Ella M. Parker, Kent Ragsdale, Roberta E. Ray, Raymond Savage, Betty Shannon, Marcia Shumate, Jake D. Silk, Henry O. Warlick, Charles Whitener, Lynda R. Wiginton, Miss Jonnie Wilburne, Jeannesty J. Willard, Kenneth R. Wilson, and Eugene Yeager.

**Deceased or unknown whereabouts in our records:** Evelyn Barrett, Jack P. Clayton, Edwina Crews, George M. Gable, Ollie 'Sistie' Givens, Paul Goode, Tommy Goodman, Viola I. Graumann, Gwen Hannah, Nita Harris, Monte J. Hatchett, June Heintz, Ms. Ardell Hood, Wanda Killingsworth, Wayne A. Martin, June McArthur, Garland Mc Brayer, Phyllis A. Montgomery, Juarld Nunn, Kenneth Powell, C. A. Ross, Paul Sanger, Jimmy Scivally, Ramona Sewell, Severlan D. Vaughn, Winona A. Wilhite, Charles W. Worthen, and

**Class Parents, Mr and Mrs. Ed Grigsby.**

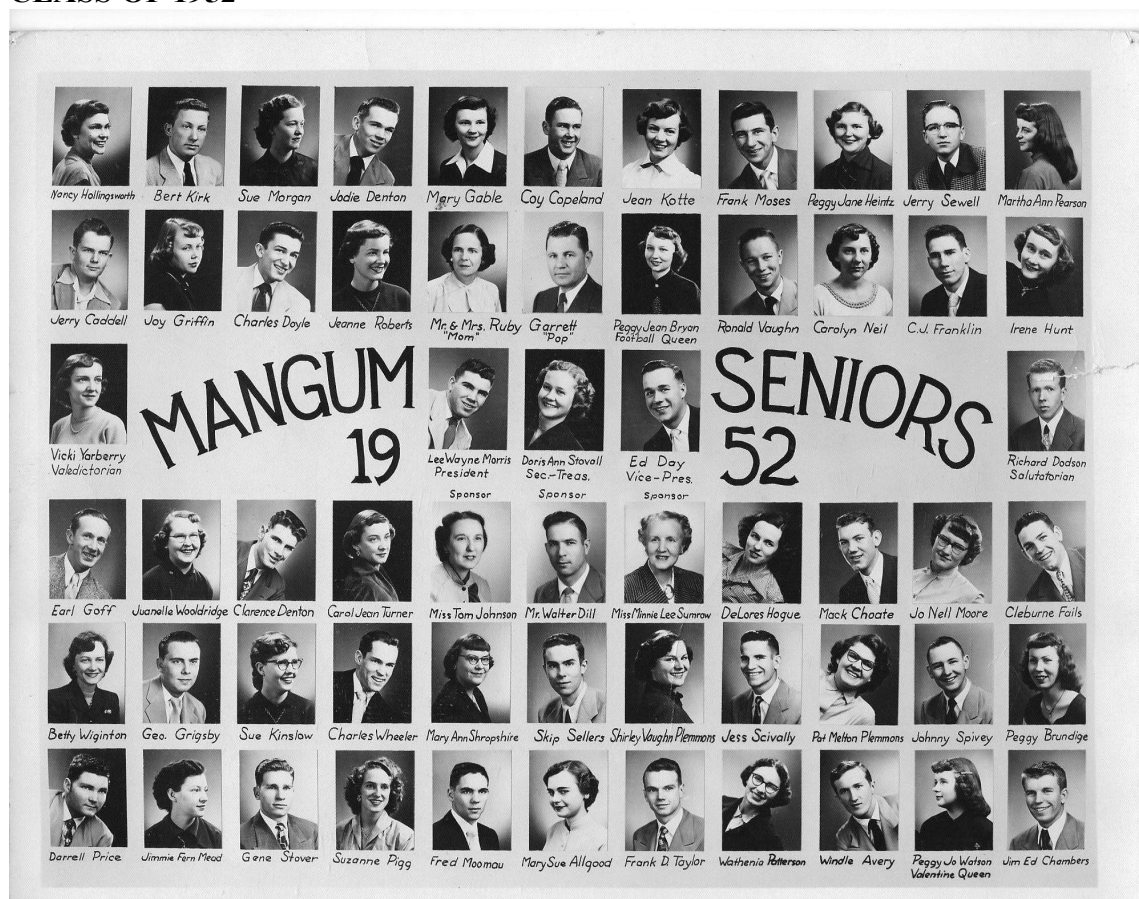


**CLASS OF 1951, records show these members living:** Laverne Banister, Nolan Bass, Roy G. Bowman, Raymond Brundige, Pansy Castle, Sybil Copelin, Murlene Harris, Louise Hathaway, Lou Emma Hobbs, Jerry Holland, Robin Jones, Ronald Kinslow, Harley D. Mathews, Barfry Meyer, Russell Moses, Lila J. Nelson, Billie Jo Nichols, Arnetta Penn, L. Rheta Riddle, E. Ann Roach, Ronald Ross, Kenneth T. Smith, N. Jeanice Spruce, Roger Todd, Homer R. Vaughn, Joyce Vaughn, Christine Waldroop, Nora Belle Walker, Donnal Warden, Kathryn Wharton, Richard White and Stanley Wright.

**CLASS OF 1951 deceased:** Bill Ables, Twila Arms Scott, Melvin Avery, Carroll G. Bell Kyle and Darroll G. Bell (twins); Clay Briggs, Dale Bryant, Byrom Cartwright, Peggy Coffman, J. T. Copp, Marjorie DeIorio, Barbara Goforth, Helen M. Herndon, Don Jones, Kathleen Lock, Wade Norman, Mark Powell, Roxie Ray, Jacquelyn Rose, Alma Lue Rush and Wanda Sue Rush, (twins); Pat Simonton, Louis Stark, Joe Sullivan (2021 very recent); Ella F. Talor, Lavada Tinsley, Mike Venable, Connie Weese, and Jerry Wyatt. **Class Parents: Mr/Ms Ben Langdon.** Unknown: Linda Alexander



## CLASS OF 1952



**Class of 1952** will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. Records show 57 members. Living today: Windle Avery, Peggy J. Bryan, Jerry Caddell, Cleburne Fails, Mary Gable, Earl Goff, Jay Griffin, George Grigsby, Irene Hunt, Bert Kirk, Jean Kotte, David McFadden, Norman Miller, Fred Moomaw, Jo Dell Moore, Sue Morgan, Frank Moses, Carolyn Neil, Wathenia Patterson, Jean Roberts, Lloyd Sadler, Doris A. Stovall, Gene Stover, Ronald Vaughn, Charles Wheeler, Betty Wiginton

**Class of 1952 Members deceased or whereabouts unknown:** Mary S. Allgood, Nancy Barrett, Peggy Brundige, Jim Ed Chambers, Mack Choate, Ed Day, Clarence Denton, Jodie Denton, Richard Dodson, Mary Gable, Earl Goff, C.J. Franklin, Peggy Heintz, DeLores Hogue, Sue Kinslow, Jimmie Fern Mead, Ms. Pat Melton, Lee Wayne Morris, Martha A. Pearson, Suzanne Pigg, Darrell Price, Clifford Sellers, Jerry Sewell, Martha A. Shropshire, Jess Scivally, Johnny Spivey, Frank Taylor, Carol J. Turner, Shirley Vaughn, Peggy J. Watson, Juanelle Wooldridge, and Vicki Yarberry.

**Class** parents: Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Garrett

## CLASS OF 1953



**1953 Classmates:** Ben Anglin, Esther Atchley, Jack Atchley, Jerry Dean Atchley, Kenneth R. Austin, Bill Baker, Louise Boyd, Bill Brewster, Suzanne Brady, Calvin Burgess, Orville Burris, Sidney Coffman, Helen Dillahunt, Wayna Lea Duffer, Galen Gilliam, J. C. Gilliam, Ned Goode, Billie Goode Kelly, Edwin Goodman, Frances Graumann, Joyce Hall, Ross Halford, Jim Hatchett, Gloria Heatly, Jimmy Heatly, Doc Herron, Glenda Hill, Woodrow Hogue, Larry Hopkins, Gail Houck, June Hurst, Ernest Johnson, Lewis Johnson, Marquita Kinslow, Jannelle Lock, Evie Jo

Maloney, Jo Dell McAdams, Jauretta 'Rita' McClure, Marilyn McGuire, Lynn McKinney, Gene Miller, Sharon Phipps, Patsy Price, Laverne Radney, Barbara Sellers, Maxine Smith, Barbara Tabor, Eugene 'Pete' Taylor, Myrna Taylor, Elizabeth "Beth" Thompson, Patsy Tillman, Jo Tinsley, Robert Todd, Glenn Vaughan, Jeannette Vaughn, Tommie Jean Ware, Euell Watts, Lonnie Weese, Joyce Wheeler, Jerry Weiss, Barbara Yeager

**Jack Atchley**, retired Duncan, OK, Superintendent of Schools, passed away in 2021.

**Robert Todd passed away in 2021 and his twin, Barbara Todd, passed in 2022.**

**Beth Thompson-Blood-White passed away 2 Dec 2021.** She is survived by four sons and their families along with a brother, Joe Boyd (MHS 1959) and Barbara Blake (MHS 1949) her sister, all Mangum high school graduates.

Thanks to Louise Price-Mathews and Pat Zett-Fite for assistance with this class.

Always hoping to learn more about our older Alumni. Please call or text/cells, Joy Hall Grant, 580-706-0428 or Mary Jane Scott, 580-471-1425 or Paula Banister, 580-471-9059. Please leave a message. History is only as good as it is accurate, therefore, we appreciate updates.

