

I'm sad to report that **John McKenna** is near death from prostate cancer. His daughter, LuAnne McKenna, called to advise that he's under Hospice Care at home (12604 Cedarbrook Lane, Laurel, MD 20810) with his wife, **Mary Lou** and family members at his bedside. Please keep **John** and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

As of today, (Sept. 1st), we've received reservation forms for our 55th Reunion (Oct. 1-5) from the following: **Paul and Donna Arnold, Ken and Eve Barrett, Bob and Beverly Benson, Gene Bowers, Dan and Sue Briganti, Bill and Ann Clark, Ed Cope, Rick and Beth Cueroni, Ed and Becky Daniels, Ted DeYoung, Dick and Meris Donnelly, Wendell and Yvonne Driggers, Hank and Gloria Fisher, Jim and Shirley Grabb, Kirk and Jackie Greiner, Hap and Virginia Hazard, Ralph and Diane Hill, Norma Hintze, Roger and Esther Holmes, Bernie and Peggy Hoyland, Clay and Jan Hughes, Jimmy and LaVerne Irwin, Bill and Helen King, Bill and Betty Ruth Lehr, Gerry Lipsett, Roger and Juanita Madson, Barbara Mann, Roger and Jerry Mowell, Ed and Joyce Nelson, Bill and Mickey Reilly, Bob and Mimi Schmidt, Ted and Mary Frances Smith, Wee and Jane Smith, Dimpy Spadafora, Dave and Isabel Tredeau, and Bob West.** If you are planning to attend our reunion and your name is not listed, please send me an e-mail (jdsbridge@aol.com) or give me a call (860-464-8425) as soon as possible.

At the reunion, **Dan Briganti** will have a new right hip and **Bill Clark** and **Virginia Hazard** will be sporting new knees.

Mike and Kay Boggs said they were lucky that their home in Satellite Beach, FL escaped damage from the severe flooding in their area caused by tropical storm *Faye* in August.

In July, **Dick and Jan Bowers** made a 17-day trip to Ireland and Scotland.

Dan and Helene Colussy spent the month of August on Martha's Vineyard.

For the last several months, **Roger Holmes** has been battling a serious bone infection in his toe. He thinks it may have started way back in the 1950s when he stubbed it at a pool in Key West, FL while attending ASW school.

Rin and Bert Keyzer are getting settled in their new home in Messiah Village, a continuing care community and would enjoy hearing from classmates. Their new address is 991 Oak Oval, Mechanicsville, PA 17055, Tel. 717-790-9618.

Gerry Lipsett is doing well in his recovery from the broken neck he suffered back in February. For the foreseeable future, he'll be staying with his daughter, Koren Deckman in Gettysburg, PA (573 Spangler School Rd., Gettysburg, PA, 17325 - Tel. 717-359-7833), and the best news of all is that he plans to attend our 55th reunion in October!

Hal and Sheila Olson were in Eagle, Colorado, in July for a family reunion, which included white water rafting on the Colorado River." While in Colorado, he also had a chance to visit **Frank Frauenfelder**. Then Hal headed to Montana for a week of hiking and camping in Glacier National Park with his daughter, Virginia and added, "I'm glad to say that I can still keep up with her, or vice versa, for we averaged as much as ten miles per day. One day we hit the 17 mile mark, which included a trail that required us to walk through a snow fed waterfall. The biggest adventure, however, was a close encounter with two grizzly bears, close being less than 50 feet. They ignored us, as we carefully backed away, avoiding eye contact.

Margie Russell (2613 Woodfern Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192) is recovering from a broken wrist and ankle she suffered when she slipped and fell in her garden. **Bill** said he's getting pretty good at handling his nursing and domestic responsibilities.

On September 12th, **Gene Trainor**, who is now in a nursing home in Hingham, MA, will celebrate his 80th birthday, joining these others in our class who became *octogernarians* this year: **Dick Kott** (May 14th); **Bud Mathieu** (July 1st); and **Frank Frauenfelder** (July 2nd). Notes and cards for **Gene** should be sent to his home (14 Wellesley Rd., Scituate, MA 02066) and **Barbara** will get them to him.

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