

An Abbreviated Class of '53 Newsletter September 2012

What do you do when you're 'On Line', have a Newsletter all composed, and all ready to print, when your utility company has an unannounced, unexpected power failure, that causes your computer to "crash" before you even have a chance print a copy of it.

You recompose, reconstruct the important items as best you can remember, and you send out a few brief important items that you had hoped and planned to send out last week.

With sincere apologies that this is "late" Wee Smith, 19 Coachman Pike, Ledyard, CT 06339; e-mail: jdsbridge@aol.com; Tel. 860-464-8425.

In Memoriam

Valerie A. Lipsett

January 1, 1937 - August 15, 2012

Val, who was **Gerry Lipsett's** former wife and **Max Maire's** widow, was found dead in her home in Cohasset, MA apparently from a stroke. She was an active community leader in Cohasset, helping to organize the South Shore Chapter of the League of Women Voters, deeply involved in the Unitarian Universalist First Parish Church, and was Treasurer, Recording Secretary, photographer, graphic designer, and chaired several committees of the Cohasset Historical Society right up until her death. Many relied on **Val's** diligence in bookkeeping and tax preparation. She was an enthusiastic geneologist, searching and documenting significant historical data for her family and others. She also was a world traveler and had just returned from a family trip to Ireland in June. **Val** had attended Mount Holyoke College and received a degree from Boston University. She was a writer, publishing poetry, opinion, and fiction throughout her life and was the Publisher of the *New England Farm Bulletin and Garden Gazette*.

In addition to **Gerry** (P.O. Box 56, Naples, ME 04055, Tel. 857-205-5034, e-mail: byglip@gmail.com), **Val** is survived by their son, **Brian Lipsett** (P.O. Box 78, Naples, ME 04055, e-mail: brianlip.privey@gmail.com) and their daughter, **Koren Holland Deckman, Ph.D.** Professor of Chemistry, Gettysburg College, 300 North Washington St., Gettysburg, PA, 17325 and a number of grandchildren.

A Memorial service and celebration of **Val's** life will be held at **1 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 29th** at the Unitarian Universalist First Parish Church in Cohasset.

Juanita Madson to be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery

Roger Madson (163 Saloli Way, Loudon, TN 37774, Tel. 865-458-2305, e-mail: jawanada@charter.net) has advised that **Juanita's** cremains will be inurned in the Columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery, VA after a service at the *Old Post Chapel* starting at **3 pm, Monday, October 1st.**

Paul Breed Buried at Arlington National Cemetery

Paul, who had died back on February 25th, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on September 13th with full military honors. Enclosed is a copy of the service which these classmates were able to attend: **Wendell Driggers, Jim Grabb, Bill and Helen King, Bill Kohl, Hal Olson, Ted and Mary Frances Smith, and Wee Smith.** **Paul's** widow, **Sunny**, can be reached at 4130 Locust Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807, e-mail: sunny@rasdoc.com.

Ted Smith Honors the memory of all those who died back on 9/11

Kudos and thanks to **Ted Smith**, (6443 Gerard Court, Falls Church, VA 22043, Tel. 703-538-4588, e-mail: tedmary2@verizon.net), who this year, on September 11th morning, played *Taps* at two different schools, a shopping center, and at the McLean Fire Department to remember those who lost their lives back on 9/11/01. He played at: 8:46 a.m. (the time that American Airlines Flight 11 flew into the North Tower of the World Trade Center); at 9:03 a.m.

(the time United Airlines Flight 175 hit the South Tower); at 9:40 a.m. (the time that American Flight 77 struck the Pentagon); and at 10:06 a.m. (the time United Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, PA). **Ted** has done this musical memorial tribute for a number of years. He does it "to remember all of the innocent citizens that perished as the result of those horrific acts and for those who have since sacrificed their lives for the freedoms that we must never take for granted".

Glenn Young and Betty Brown engaged!!

At his 80th birthday party, **Glenn** (719 Maiden Choice Ln, Catonsville, MD 21228, Tel. 401-242-2731, e-mail: gsy@ix.netcom.com) publicly proposed to **Betty Brown**, who many of us had the pleasure of meeting at the San Diego Mini Reunion. **Betty** accepted :-).

No date has been set for their wedding, but we extend our warmest best wishes and heartiest congratulations to the happy couple!

Other items about our classmates

To celebrate **Beth Cueroni's** 80th birthday, **Rick** and **Beth** are enjoying a cruise that started on Sept. 1st in San Francisco, sailed down the west coast, through the Panama Canal, and will end in New York on September 24th.

Jim and Shirley Grabb's son, Dr. Paul Grabb, was a featured guest on KOAA TV (Colorado Springs, CO) doing a program concerning concussions. It may still be on the web at www.ksaa.com/news/concussion-concerns/#!/prettyPhoto/.

In August, **Roger Madson** and his three sons and a grandson had a successful fly-in fishing trip to Delany Lake Lodge in Ontario, Canada. He said, "We did 'catch and release' except for the walleye we kept for the shore lunches. On the down side, prior to hooking up with the boys, I traveled to my home town of Grand Rapids, MN where my oldest brother had passed away on August 4th."

Sadly, **Liz Stevens** (6 Bent Ave., Apt. #13, Wayland, MA 01778, e-mail: raystev@comcast.net) advised that Ray has Alzheimer's. She said, "We're doing o.k., but we'd enjoy hearing from classmates and friends."

'53's Big "Six Oh" Reunion

After carefully considering all the replies and comments in response to the questionnaire about when to hold **'53's 60th reunion**, it will be held in **New London at Homecoming (October 17-19, 2013)**. Plans and details for it are now being worked out. Please note the dates and stay tuned!

High Flight

by Jon Gillespie Magee, Jr.
Pilot Officer, RCAF - 1941

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence; hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, Up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.



Where did you get your eyes so blue?
Out of the sky as I came through.

- George MacDonald, 'At The Back
Of The North Wind.'

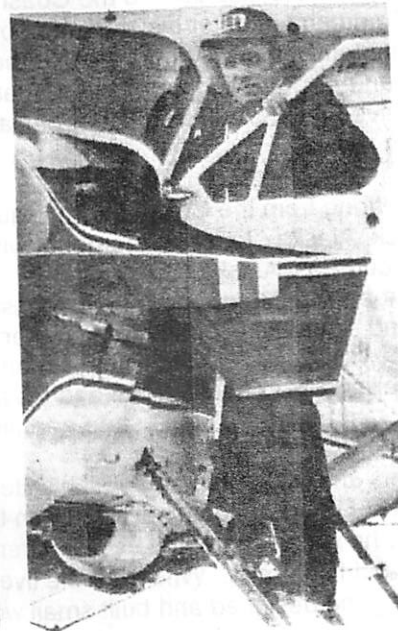
PAUL HOBART BREED

COMMANDER, USCG (RET)

JUNE 30, 1930 - FEBRUARY 25, 2012



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"Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward,
for there you have been and there you will always long to return." Leonardo da Vinci

Paul H. Breed was an outstanding pilot, successful entrepreneur, avid outdoorsman, and loving father and husband.

He was born in Maracaibo, Venezuela to Paul T. and Irwina Breed and grew up in Coming, NY. He graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy, US Navy flight training for both fixed wing and helicopter aircraft and several aircraft maintenance programs with the US Navy and Air Force. His Coast Guard career encompassed navigation support in the Philippines, search and rescue in Alaska and air command in Washington, DC, where he flew cabinet officers and CG top officers around the world.

Paul was awarded the US Coast Guard's Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals for rescues performed in Alaska during his career as a search and rescue pilot. He also earned the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and a Unit Commendation for his command of the Coast Guard Air Station at Washington National Airport and another Unit Commendation for his command at CGAS Annette Island, Alaska. He was the first Coast Guardsman to receive the US Air Force Order of Daedalians Award for search and rescue work in Alaska.

After retiring from the Coast Guard, Paul founded an air taxi service in Klawock, Alaska. Later he merged it with a larger air service in Ketchikan to form SouthEast Alaska (SEA) Airlines, which he grew to 20 aircraft providing passenger, freight and mail service to island communities in the Ketchikan area and scheduled service to the other cities in Southeast Alaska. During this time he studied small business management at Harvard Business School. After selling SEA Airlines, Paul and his family moved to Long Beach, CA, where Paul became a real estate appraiser and later a commodities broker.

Paul was an expert marksman all his life, serving as captain of the rifle team at the Coast Guard Academy and later on the All-Coast Guard Rifle Team. More recently he was a champion trap shooter. Early in his life he was also an avid hunter and fisherman. Whenever he lived where he could pursue his passion for racing, he designed and built small wooden hydroplanes. His designs were always leading-edge and consistent winners. Friends loved to hear him tell of his adventures in flying, hunting and racing.

In his later years, Paul suffered from Alzheimer's disease. That disease robbed him of his memories but it never took his sense of humor. He continued to find humor in life, to be gracious to everyone around him and to appreciate all that was done for him.

His first wife, Betty W. Breed, predeceased him and he is survived by his second wife of 32 years, Sunny, his son Paul, daughter-in-law Mariellen, grandson Paul Alan and wife Jawon, and his brother, Alan, RADM USCG (RET), and wife Jan.

**OLD POST CHAPEL, FORT MEYER
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Chaplain—Lt. Johnathan Bush, USN

Organist—Glen Frank

Soloist—James Selway, baritone

Organ Prelude – How Great Thou Art

Composer: Stuart Kine, based on a Swedish poem and folk song

Processional – Coast Guard Hymn

Composer: CWO George H. Jenks, Jr., USCG

Invocation – Chaplain Bush

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Words: Psalm 23; Music: Crimond, melody: Jesse Seymour Irvine

Eulogy – RADM Alan Breed, brother

– Paul Thomas Breed, son

The Lord's Prayer – Composer: Albert Hay Malotte

Benediction—Chaplain Bush

Recessional – Il Silenzia—Bugler: Ted Smith, USCGA '53

Composers: Nini Rosso and Guglielmo Brezza

INTERMENT IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Immediately following the interment please join Paul's family at a reception in the Abrams Room, Fort Myer Officers Club.