Memory Book
50th Reunion
October 17 & 18, 2014

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**In Memoriam**

Kathryn J. (Anderson) Tucker - 6 May 2003  
Ronald Bates - 11 November 2003  
Jack Baud - 5 February 2013  
Michael J. Berry - 14 October 2004  
Patrick J. Daley - 22 October 2013  
Joseph D'Amato - 14 June 2011  
Richard E. Fagan  
Judy L. Garvey - March 1992  
Ronald J. Gomes - 13 April 2011  
Madison B. Graves, II - 2 November 2010  
John L. Haggerty - 20 June 1986  
James E. Helmbolt - February 1995  
Sheila M. (Heher) Murphy - 19 December 2006  
Edmund B. Hill - 1964  
Paul E. Keith, III - 6 December 1994  
**James Kramer** - 15 February 1967

Edwin Krieger  
Patricia (McGarry) Schell - 30 April 2013  
Timothy J. Morissey - 20 March 2003  
Nancy J. (O'Donnell) Pearlman - 20 March 2003  
Valerie Oliver  
Joey M. Peer - 11 March 1997  
Jolene P. (Phillips) Miner - November 1982  
Michael L. Potter - 29 August 2009  
Douglas M. Schroeder - 27 August 1990  
Judy A. Severson - 25 July 1996  
Larry J. Shindler - 3 September 2005  
Michael T. Smith - 25 September 2004  
Janice (Tobin) Richie - 17 February 2007  
Joseph D. Waltermeyer - April 1986  
Luther L. Winder - 18 May 2009
GOING FOR THE RECORD

- Years married
  o over 45
  o over 40
  o over 35
  o Over 30
  o Over 20
  o Over 10

- Number of Grandchildren
  o Over 6 -
  o 5 -
  o 4 -
  o 3 -
  o 2 -
  o 1 -

- World Travels - Countries visited
  o Over 50
  o Over 40
  o Over 30
  o Over 20

- Years Retired
  o Over 10
  o Over 5
  o Over 1

- Places Lived
  o Over 20
  o Over 15
  o Over 10
  o Over 5

- Number of Occupations/Employers
  o Over 10
  o Over 8
  o Over 6
  o Over 4
ROBERT T. ALLEN The Gorman experience for me; "an excellent education that means more to me now than it did 50 years ago!". I think a lot of us would agree with Tom on that sentiment. Tom was a transfer student from John Bosco High School in Southern California. After graduating from BGHS, he spent 3 years in the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant and Combat engineer in the 5th Special Forces Group, Republic of South Vietnam. That's SPECIAL FORCES and thanks for your service Tom! After honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to Nevada and spent 45 years in the gaming industry, retiring from his position as a casino pit manager. Tom's been married 20 years and proudly claims to be "Grandpa" to 5 grandchildren. He's well traveled (40 countries) and has resided in upstate New York, Canada, Carson City, Lake Tahoe, Henderson and, of course, Las Vegas where he currently abides. In his retirement, Tom enjoys golfing, fishing, shooting, camping and raising those five grandkids. Looking forward to seeing you at the 50th Tom!
GINA BASIL BRONOWICZ  "The first person I met when we moved to Las Vegas in February, 1956, was Sandy Worboys Farino. I was standing outside our house on the corner of 15th and St. Louis and she walked by, stopped and asked if I was new here, and if I was going to attend school at St. Anne. I said yes and she said she’d come by in the morning so we could walk to school together. That was the start of a lifelong friendship." Gina went on to graduate with her class at St. Anne and then move on to BGHS. "Gorman was the best of all things. I got a wonderful education, a good moral foundation that shaped the way I have lived my life, and the best friends anyone could have." Did ya know that Gina didn't graduate with her BGHS classmates? Her family moved to New York where she graduated from Lancaster Senior High in 1964. That's okay, Gina; you'll always be a Gael in our hearts and minds and an honored member of the Class of '64! After graduation, Gina became an office manager in Buffalo, NY, and the Deputy Registrar for the town of Amherst, NY. Returning to Vegas, she was a casino card dealer and moved up to casino floor supervisor. Gina's been retired for two years and lives in Las Vegas with Fred, her husband of 29 years. She enjoys walking, hiking, camping, reading, and playing poker, as well as spending time with daughter Katherine, son James, and grandsons Austin, Jacob and James III. Gina and Fred have journeyed to three countries and look forward to traveling more now that she's "all in" for retirement. "G" for Gina, Gorman, and Gael!
CHERIE SYLVAIN BROWN So after graduation from BGHS, Cherie went on to attend Arizona State University with her eyes on a health care profession. She began working as a Registered Nurse in Colorado and Southern California. Cherie specialized in both the OB and ER Departments of her work venues. Thank you for your service Cherie! After 6 years, she took time off to raise her family - daughters Wendy, Michelle, Lori and Julie. "When the youngest graduated from high school, I returned to nursing and worked at a large and very busy hospital in Phoenix." Cherie and her husband of 46 years, Mike Brown, have lived in Denver, Newport Beach and San Juan Capistrano, CA. They currently reside in Scottsdale, AZ. "We have loved to travel and have made it a PRIORITY to travel the globe. Mike and I have visited 116 countries and all 7 continents, including Antarctica twice." Wow, now there's a couple of rolling stones for ya! Cherie's been retired for 4 years now and stays busy spoiling that grandchild of hers. Here's hoping to see her at the 50th Reunion come October.

CECILIA BARRAGAN CAMPAGNA "Gorman was always a safe, comfortable place where our instructors cared about us. We had a good time and grew in mind and spirit." Amen CJ! Cecilia lives in Henderson with her husband Joe. She has two sons, Rick and Keith and 2 grandsons who keep her busy when she's not working. After graduating from BGHS, CJ went on to UNLV and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. She's had an extensive career as a real estate broker/sales associate and general manager for Century 21 Gold Advantage. Cecilia's also involved as a tax consultant for H&R Block - a good lady to know! She says she looks forward to the Class of 64's 50th reunion and sharing memories with old classmates and friends. We look forward to seeing you too Cecilia.
JOSEPH A. DALKOWSKI "I had great years at Gorman with wonderful memories of classmates and teachers. BGHS is still a source of pride these many years later" writes Joe Dalkowski of his GAEL experience. After graduation, Joe was drafted and served in the US Army. He was posted to Fort Ord, California with the 298th Military Police Company. Upon honorable discharge from the military, Joe returned to Las Vegas and signed on with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, coincidentally, joining another '64 Gael classmate-Merl Sage. Joe retired as a Sergeant with LVMPD in 1996. We say to him and to all our first responders and military, "thank you for your service and thank you again for your service." Many of you party-ers may remember Joe as the libation purveyor of the "MARGARITA EXPRESS" (Vegas' first margarita machine rental business) in 1982. He's been married to Janet Robinson for 38 years and together they've raised 5 children and are the proud grandparents to 2 grandchildren. Janet and Joe traveled the USA prior to retiring to the sunny confines of the Florida Space Coast where Joe continues to enjoy sports cars and sailing. Do we smell a couple of Parrot Heads in Margaritaville? Thanks for checking in with us Joe and here's hoping to see you at the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1964.
NANCY THOMPSON DIAZ "I have many great memories of BGHS. It was a simpler time of life."
After graduating from Gorman, Nancy attended Santa Barbara City College and the Travel Institute where she obtained her Certification as a Professional Travel Consultant. She went on to work for over 20 years as a Travel Agent for AAA, retiring in 2012. Understandably, she has visited over 60 countries and is on the way to the Galapagos in September of 2014. "I haven't been EVERYWHERE, but it is on my bucket list!" Flash, Nancy’s still active booking excursions and packages as an independent agent, so if you’ve got that gypsy spirit, she’s the person to contact. Nancy also worked as a food developer and caterer. She’s been married 46 years to hubby Armando Diaz and has 2 daughters (Allegra and Solana) and 1 grandchild. Nancy resides in Gilroy, CA and besides her ongoing travel, lists yoga, walking, cooking, and reading as pastimes in her retirement. Oh, least we forget: she’s a HUGE San Francisco GIANTS fan! Looking forward to seeing you Nancy at the 50th Reunion.
ALANA HISER DREITZER  "I will always fondly remember BGHS; not only for the wonderful and lasting friendships, but also for the caring faculty and terrific academic curriculum which helped prepare us so well." Alana's been quite the busy GAEL since graduating from Gorman. She went on to the Holy Names University and the University of California for her Bachelor's and Masters' Degrees. (That's right Alana - close not only counts in horseshoes!) Professionally, she has worked as a personal and legal assistant, a realtor and a special events and projects coordinator for two of the biggest names in the gaming/entertainment business - Donald Trump and Steve Wynn. She's traveled around the world (41 countries) and lived in Southern California, Wisconsin, New Jersey, New Orleans, Florida, North Carolina, as well as Australia, Canada and France (a real citizen of the globe). Alana’s been married 34 years to husband Howard and has 2 daughters, Alaina and Jordan. She and Howard are proud grandparents to Elisabetta and Eli. Bet ya didn't know that after that picture of Alana and Gina Basil (Bronowicz) being drenched on the "Maid of the Mist" at Niagara Falls, the two decided it would be a "good idea" to smuggle some Canadian munitions across the border packed into those rollers they were wearing under those ridiculous "beauty caps". After all, they were merely M-80's and who knew from Homeland Security at that time? Alana's been retired three years now and currently resides in North Carolina. She continues to keep busy and stay active playing racquetball and tennis, running, white water rafting, hiking, lifting free weights, ralleying antique automobiles, traveling, reading, cooking and gardening. Another "Did ya Know?", she's helped put together the Memory Book for the 50th Reunion. Alana looks forward to seeing all of her '64 Classmates and we look forward to seeing her in October!
JUDY HOWELL DuCHARME So Judy checked in and updated us on her goings on as she looks forward to the 50th Reunion. She was originally a Texas gal, having grown up in the Big "D" (Dallas) before making her way out to Vegas with her family. All of her classmates know what happened to her at BGHS. "When I reflect on my Gorman years...I think of being proud of having the experience and making lasting friendships (of course notably with Doug). He was and is the love of my life!" Judy and Doug have been married now for over 44 years with a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. After graduation from BGHS, Judy went on to UNLV and then into the gaming industry, working at the Flamingo, the Frontier, and the Riviera hotels. It sounds like she’s been busier in her retirement than in her working years though: taking care of Doug, enjoying her family (especially on trips to the beach), wrangling her three Golden Retrievers, making gingerbread houses, and gardening. Oh, by the way she and Doug are also co-authors of a children’s picture book, "The Adventures of Lexi and Boomer." Need we mention the DuCharmes are still in Las Vegas and are really looking forward to the Class of ’64 Reunion. See ya there Judy and be sure and bring what's his name!
DOUGLAS DuCHARME "Judy and I are looking forward with great anticipation to our 50th class reunion!" Doug's been retired now from the gaming industry where he started out as a casino cashier and casino host and worked his way up to casino director and then vice president of casino operations at the "Fitzgerald Hotel" now known as the "D". He and Judy have been married 44 years, have two children and are the proud grandparents of 2 grandchildren. After graduating from BGHS, Doug went on to attend the University of Nevada-Reno and the University of Colorado-Pueblo. He did a stint in the US Army with postings in Dachau, Germany and at the Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. Doug is enjoying his retirement walking, bicycling, playing with his 3 golden retrievers...Rusty, Tilly and Boston and beach combing with Judy and the rest of the family. Also in his spare time, he is co-author (with Judy) of childrens' books and published "The Adventures of Lexi and Boomer." Of his BGHS experience Doug writes "I have many lifetime friends made during my time at Gorman. Sports helped me achieve many goals in my life." He is one of 7 Class of '64 members on the 1963 State Basketball Championship squad. "Of course, most importantly, I met and married my loving wife Judy at BGHS. We've always strived to move forward even when times were rough." Doug and Judy have traveled to 7 countries and lived on both the East (Lowell, Massachesetts) and West (Las Vegas) coasts. You can still find them at "Sweet Home Las Vegas". We're looking forward to seeing Les DuCharmes at the 50th!
MARCIA MAXHEIMER ESTERBROOK "As a new student at BGHS, I was intimidated because of the level of education most of my classmates received from other schools and the expectations of the Gorman faculty compared to those of teachers in a number of public schools I attended. I found the students welcoming and the teachers strict but caring and helpful." And yet, as we all discovered, Marcia fit in quite well as a member of the class of 1964 - active in classes and clubs, cheerful, friendly and "loyal to you Gorman High!". After graduation, Marcia attended Las Vegas Beauty School on a scholarship (obtained for her by Sister Irmalyn) and began a career as a licensed beautician. She went on to various professions in the gaming industry and office management. Marcia's been married 26 years to husband Jerry Esterbrook and has 4 children - son, Christopher and stepchildren, Nichole, Dieter and Michael. "My BGHS memories are filled with heartfelt thoughts of friends, dances, pep rallies, Glee Club performances, ball games and Masses. Although I haven't stayed in touch with my Gorman Family, I REMEMBER! Hopefully, I can get to the reunion. I am the primary caregiver for an uncle in Massillon, Ohio and may be called back to Ohio at anytime but I WILL be returning to Las Vegas in September and am looking forward to seeing all of you at the 50th Reunion."
We're looking forward to seeing you in October Marcia and catching up on your life after Gorman. In the meantime, take care and God Bless from all your 1964 Classmates!
RICHARD D. EVANS "I still have a few lifelong friends from BGHS. Sister Irmalyn was the best teacher on the planet and she remains an inspiration to me." So says the well-traveled, well-experienced Richard Evans. After graduation from Gorman, he went on to Arizona State University to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology/Sociology. He later went on to post-graduate work in Clinical Psychology at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Rich was married for 17 years and sired a son, Neil Evans, with Rhonda Cashman, Class of 1964. His second marriage to Pamela Owens brought a stepdaughter, Sheri, into the Evans clan. Richard is the proud grandpa to six grandchildren, including a set of triplets. A bit of a globetrotter, Rich has visited and/or lived in Vancouver, British Columbia; Melbourne, Australia; Portland, Oregon; and Dallas, Texas. His many professions include stints as a pharmaceutical sales rep, 7-Eleven executive, marketing manager in Australia, video store owner and chain developer, ISP owner, and general manager of The Cheerleading Company. "About the closest I got to military service was the Air Force ROTC in college." In addition to keeping an active hand in his numerous entrepreneurial endeavors, Richard enjoys electronics, music, gardening, architecture, saltwater aquariums, travel, rooting for the Dallas Cowboys and spoiling his grandchildren. "Unfortunately, I'll be unable to attend the 50th Reunion, but my thoughts will be with all my classmates, present and deceased."
SANDY WORBOYS FARINO "I did not appreciate my experience at Gorman when I was attending during the early years. In my senior year I rebelled, went to Las Vegas High School and graduated as a Wildcat (instead of a Gael). I will always be sad about that decision. My heart was, and STILL IS at BGHS. I have been to and worked on every reunion we have ever had with great joy. My friends that I made at Gorman are lifelong friends and for this I am truly thankful. Love you all!" Hey Sandy, we love you too! We remember you at all of our BGHS Reunions. You’re a Gael in our hearts and a valued member of the Class of '64 (not to mention an alum of St Anne Elementary School). After high school graduation, Sandy went on to UNLV where she earned 2 Bachelor’s Degrees (Psychology and Special Ed) and a Master’s Degree in Counseling. She’s also worked as a banker and an insurance agent. Did ya know that Sandy has been best friends with Gina Basil since she was 9 years old; that she used to have her hair done by Betty Stewart; and that Bill Terry is godfather to one of her four sons? Sandy is also a grandmom to 5 grandchildren. Recently retired (1 year now), she enjoys traveling and continuing to develop her spiritual side. Sandy writes that she hopes “to see everyone at this 50th Reunion as well as the 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th and 75th celebrations.” God willing, we’ll all be looking forward to seeing her as well.
GARY R. FOWLER. "Honestly, my BGHS years were the happiest and best years of my life! Great friends, great experiences, great memories." After graduating from Gorman, Gary attended Loyola University and UCLA in Southern California, then joined his brother Bob at the University of New Mexico where he received his BA in English/Education and a reserve commission in the U.S. Navy. He served three tours of duty on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Vietnam. Gary rounded out his military career as the Executive Officer of American Armed Forces Support personnel on the Antarctic Continent. Did ya know that Lt. Gary Fowler, USN, was best man for Capt. Chuck Giasson, USA at the West Point Academy Chapel? After an honorable discharge, Gary ventured to St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended Washington University and met his wife of 41 years, Shirley. He received his MS degree in Speech and Language Science and practiced Clinical and Educational speech therapy until his retirement in 2008. Gary also taught English and history at the elementary, secondary, and university levels in Missouri, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Nevada. He keeps busy these days playing a little basketball, doing a regimen of aerobic and free weight training, spectating at college and professional sports events, reading, and traveling. With wife Shirley, Gary’s traveled to 24 different countries on five continents. He’s visited every state in the USA and looks to achieve his "bucket list" goal of visiting all seven continents. He enjoys routinely visiting brother Bob and his nephews Zack and Nick in Albuquerque, NM. Shirley and Gary currently reside in San Marcos, Texas and invite all of their friends to "Come on down y'all" and pay us a visit.
CHARLES B. GIASSON "God bless the Class of 1964 and our families on the occasion of this 50th reunion." Chuck’s humble beginnings started with his birth in Reno, Nevada, and his adoption two months after birth. He states, "my birth mother was Alberta Nadeau (a French Canadian) and my birth father was a British sailor." After graduation from Gorman, Chuck was appointed to the US Military Academy at West Point where he graduated with a degree in engineering and a commission as a second lieutenant. He is a decorated Vietnam Veteran and retired from the Army after 26 years as a "full bird" colonel. While in the service, Chuck received an MBA degree from New York Institute of Technology and a PhD (abd) from Rensseler Polytechnic Institute. He's been married 43 years to his wife Phyllis with whom he has four children. He's the proud granddad to three grandchildren. He lists golf, biking, skiing, and tennis as life sports, and wiles away his retirement singing, gardening, and mentoring young emerging leaders and wounded military. His life long hobby has been investing, and he can tell you more about companies and their stocks than anyone I know. Chuck and Phyllis have enjoyed extensive travel (21 countries) as they venture from their home in Northern Virginia. "We have our little cruise group to see the world by water." A profound sense of his duty continues to pervade his days in retirement. Whether volunteering for the Wounded Warrior Project and the West Point Mentor Program, serving the Code of Support Foundation or singing with the West Point Alumni Choir, he continues to stay close to our veterans and our men and women in uniform. "I want to pay homage to all of our deceased classmates as we follow close order behind them. I also pay tribute to the Class of '64 for staying so close and really caring for our own. I especially want to recognize and thank Gary Fowler for being my Best Man and closest BGHS friend over the years."
CAROL L. HUBER Carol Huber's been retired from education for five years now. After graduating from BGHS, Carol attended St. Mary's University in Los Angeles and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She went on to the University of Washington getting her Master's degree in Education. Carol's well traveled (5 countries visited) and lists Nebraska, California, Washington, and Switzerland as landing places in her personal and professional sojourns. She proudly claims to have been an Air Force spouse and has a family of four children and "four beautiful and intelligent grandchildren." In her retirement Carol enjoys walking, reading, and movies. She currently resides in Coupeville, Washington.

HARRY L. JACOBS "The Gorman Experience? Ya know, it meant a lot to me. I was going down a slippery slope at Hyde Park JHS. So my dad said, 'you're going to Gorman'. It straightened me out and turned me around. From the influence of Sister Irmalyn to quality instructors like Fr. Ryan, "Crash" Corrigan, Walt Napiorkowski, Tom Deitz and, of course, to all my running mates - Steve Ashcraft, Ken Campbell, Richard Evans, Larry Swanson and Gary Fowler." Harry really did get it straightened out. After graduating from BGHS, he went on to Loyola University and the University of San Francisco where he earned his BA in English in 1968. Harry enlisted in the US Air Force and from 1968 to 1972 was posted to Vandenberg AFB, and Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. Returning to the San Francisco area, Harry attended Lincoln University pursuing a JD degree in law. After passing the California State Bar in 1978, he worked as a criminal lawyer, a California State Magistrate and is now the Superior Court Judge for Merced County, CA. Did ya know Harry was a dairy farmer back in the '70's? He claims the only difference between a dairyman and a lawyer is at the end of the day a dairy farmer can hose all the shit down the drain! He also brags about doing a pretty mean imitation of a fly!? Harry was married 22 years to Fernanda Saude, the mother of his 3 children, Paul, Adam and Cybele. He's a proud grandpa to 3 grandchildren, Ella, Omar and Azalea. Harry's traveled to 12 countries and enjoys hiking, cooking, scuba diving and ocean kayaking. He's an accomplished jazz bassist with his own combo in the San Francisco area, a former classical guitar aficionando and a Civic Leader of the Merced Symphony Orchestra. With his new bride of 2 years, Kate Akos, Harry resides in San Francisco. He's looking forward to the 50th BGHS Reunion in October.
FRANK W. KOOT "Gorman gave me a chance to play sports and to meet many nice people." And did Frank ever capitalize on playing one sport at BGHS - basketball. He was a member of the 1963 State Championship Basketball team. After graduation, Frank went on to UNLV and obtained dual Bachelor Degrees: a BA in Business and a BS in Geology. After college, he joined the US Marines, made E-5, and served two years in Vietnam, specializing in communications, mainly in I CORPS. Frank spent 40 years in the hotel hospitality and transportation industry, working for the Frontier and Excaliber Hotels. Did ya know that Frank was born in Harderwyk, Holland, and came to the United States with his parents, three brothers and four sisters in 1954? All of the Koots are Gorman grads: Maria in '61, John and Bill in '62, Frank in '64, and Anna and Clem in '66. Wow, talk about a BGHS legacy! Frank and his wife Marta have been married for 17 years. "I got a late start," says Frank, "holding off matrimony until I was 50 years old." He's retired now and enjoys geology and rock hounding. He hopes to see all those "many nice people he met" at BGHS on the 50th Reunion. We're looking forward to seeing you too Frank!
ROBERT L. LARET "As a non-Catholic, attending Gorman was a bit of a culture shock for me but one I embraced. I thank my father's Jewish connections in Las Vegas for their assistance with my admission to Gorman." The BGHS experience was "a great preparation for life provided in a wholesome environment." After graduating from Gorman, Bob served three years in the U.S. Army, advancing from the enlisted ranks to graduation from Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1967. As a newly commissioned Lieutenant, he went on to serve in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Bob attended Cal State University at Northridge and picked up his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Accounting. Moving on to the American College in Pennsylvania, he earned certifications as a Chartered Financial Consultant (CFO) and a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU). Until his retirement last year, Bob worked as an accounting and finance CFO and a financial adviser specializing in life insurance, estate planning and securities. He might be an interesting guy to buttonhole at the reunion for some timely economic advice. Bob fathered two sons (Steven and Edward) and is the proud grandpa to granddaughter Mackenzie Laret. He's well traveled (25) countries and has lived in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Maria, and, of course, Las Vegas. He enjoys golfing, sailing and traveling in his spare time. When you see Bob at this year's reunion ask him about graduating from BGHS. It's an interesting story!
MICHAEL LEWIS Mike checked in to let us now he's still kicking around and is anticipating the 50th Reunion of the Class of '64. He's been retired for six years and lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Kay, of 36 years. "I have always had good memories of my days at BGHS." After graduation, Mike joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to their Security Agency as a communications specialist. He was an expert Morse Code and radio teletype operator. He is a decorated Vietnam Veteran. Mike states that he’s ready to share more personal and professional information when he gets together with everyone in 2014. Looking forward to it Mike!

KATHY BUCCIERI LOFLAND Since leaving BGHS Kathy has had quite a career path. After attending UNLV and the Lied Institute, she's worked as a real estate agent, a business broker - specializing in liquor and gaming venues- and a tavern owner/manager. Though her professions keep her busy, Kathy's found time to visit six countries and indulge her personal passions of reading and spending time with her grandson Casch. "Gorman has meant lifelong friends that I see through the years, many that I've seen in the course of my business. My kids, Angie and Marty, always laugh at me when a classmate is in the news. I say I went to school with that person. They say did you go to school with everyone? I always answer, just the important people!" Kathy continues to live in LV where she keeps in touch with her BGHS classmates and friends. You could say Kathy's one of those important people. We think so!
DOROTHY SALDINA LOPREORE “BGHS was probably the biggest instrument in forming my life. I came to Gorman as one of three non-Catholics in those days (1960-1964). I received the most beautiful religious education, which I pursued later in life. It has meant everything to me and I pray daily for all those beautiful priests and nuns who taught us.” After graduation from BGHS, Dorothy went on to a working life centered around professional cooking and catering as a caterer (The Accommodators in Las Vegas), a restaurant owner (Champinones in Lake Arrowhead, CA), and catering executive (Dean & DeLuca in Napa, CA). She also became involved in the design and production of professional skater’s costumes and accessories while living in Lake Arrowhead. One of Dorothy’s outfits for Michelle Kwan is on display in the Olympic Museum at Salt Lake City, UT. She currently resides in Napa, CA, with Matthew, her husband of 40 years. Dorothy and Matthew have traveled to 16 countries including visits to her daughter Christianna who lives in Sweden. Dorothy notes that her family is going to be well represented at Gorman’s 2014 Homecoming activities. Dorothy will be at the Class of 64’s 50th reunion, daughter Kimberly Costello will be at the class of 84’s 30th reunion, and daughter Noel Lopreore will be at the Class of 94’s 20th reunion. Wow, talk about a BGHS Family! Looking forward to seeing you and yours Dorothy.

JOSEPH J. LUPO “What’s the BGHS experience for me? A wonderful experience with friendships that continue to today.” Joe has always been there for the Class of ’64, maintaining those friendships at every reunion since the 1970’s. He continues to reside in Las Vegas with Sandy, his wife of 45 years and a Gorman graduate herself. Joe enjoys his retirement golfing, fishing, and traveling (14 countries), as well as spending time with his daughter Jody and grandson Evan. By the way, Jody is also a BGHS alum. I guess you could say the LUPO Family bleeds Gorman orange and blue. After graduating from BGHS, Joe went on to UNLV and earned his BS degree in Social Studies. He moved up the street a few miles and worked for Western and Delta Airlines at McCarren Airport, retiring from the transportation industry after 30+ years. Knowing Joe, you couldn’t keep him in the rocking chair for long. So, in 2002, he began assisting the Clark County District Attorney’s office investigating identity theft. In his free time (???), Joe acts as a PGA Host for various Las Vegas professional golf tour events. Did ya know Joe was Bill Terry’s best man at his first wedding? To this day, Joey and Willie are best friends and your congenial hosts at BGHS celebrations in their aerie atop Mt. Charleston. Hey Joe, does a tree still grow in Brooklyn?
ROBERT W. MAICHLE Bob came to Gorman from Paradise Elementary School. After graduation from BGHS, he enlisted in the US Air Force and spent four years at a number of postings, including Shepard AFB, Wichita Falls; and Strategic Air Command, Amarillo, Texas. Bob was honorably discharged at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, and returned to UNLV (then known as Nevada Southern University) to complete his BS degree in Finance. Using the GI Bill, Bob went on to earn a BA in Anthropology and an MS degree in Computer Science at UNLV. Professionally, he was the former owner/operator of Nevada Auto Parts, taught computer science at his alma mater (UNLV), and now works as a Senior Environmental Scientist for Lockheed Martin Company. "In my capacities as a conservation advocate and lobbyist, I’ve been fortunate to help pass the Forest Service Wilderness Bill, double the size of the Red Rocks National Conservation Area, achieve National Recreation Area status for the Spring Mountains northwest of Las Vegas, and help with development and passage of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)." In his spare time, Bob kept busy racing cars and motorcycles in the Nevada desert, studying Nevada history, and supporting the conservation of Nevada's wildlife habitats. He was inducted as a "Legend of the Desert" for Nevada motorcycle racers. Phew! Talk about life in the fast lane. GO BOB!

DIANA KOWAL MASON "As a former educator and an active BGHS alumna, I have a new appreciation of how fortunate we were to attend Bishop Gorman. Our education was far and above any other school and has served me well as a foundation on which to build a life and a career." After graduation from BGHS, Diana attended UNLV where she earned both her Bachelor’s degree (English major with minors in geology and film studies) and her Master's degree (Secondary Education, emphasis in English). Her degrees led her to act as an academic tutor to the Rebel basketball squad, high school English teacher, and college professor. As an academic tutor for the UNLV basketball program, Diana made it to the pages of TIME magazine (Wow! a ’64 grad amongst the likes of Ghandi, MLK, and Steve Jobs). Diana’s well traveled (11 countries) and has lived on both the East (Concord, NH) and West Coasts (Vegas and Henderson). Oh, let’s not forget she resided in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, with sister Judy for a time. She’s been married 25 years to husband Mike Mason, has a son, Jenner Costello, and a granddaughter, Violet. In her retirement (right Diana!), she continues to wordsmith for various publications, consults on IT projects, and enjoys photography and traveling. To life and her BGHS classmates Diana says, "Just say yes! You may be over your head, but you’ll figure it out and learn something about yourself at the same time." Spoken like a true EDUCATOR.
JUDITH NAGY By Judy’s own admission she’s lived "here and there" since graduating from BGHS. She currently resides in Reno with Tom, her husband of 30 years. Judy came to Gorman from Mater Dei HS in Southern California. In her own words, "At the time, I was dragged kicking and screaming from a salt water beach to a very large beach with no water at all (Las Vegas). Later in life the friends made the horror worthwhile and I was glad for it." After graduation from BGHS, Judy returned to her Southern Cal roots and attended Cal Poly-Pomona, earning a bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Of her professional life, she says, "I always wanted to be Pope...I think I may still have time? Although I think I would have a better chance of offing the Queen and Camilla to become Queen of England with Charles as my consort...too ambitious?" Judy prefers "a little more humor and a little less hubris" when it comes to responding to quarries about life after Gorman. "Does making out with sailors at the Long Beach Pike count as service to country?" As to sports and hobbies, she responds, "Oh, shoot me now!" Although Judy’s well traveled (13 countries), she enjoys spending time with children Jonas and Vanessa and grandchildren Jamee and Jenna. We look forward to her continued abundance of humor and lack of hubris at BGHS’s 50th Reunion.
GARRY R. PALERMO

At Gorman, "the Viatorians, especially Brother Drolet, gave meaning to the terms dignity, dedication, and expertise. These attributes were sometimes lost on us, their young charges, but made them beacons of light in the desert." Upon graduation from BGHS, Garry joined the Navy, attended college and worked a number of jobs while living in Rochester, NY, Las Vegas, and Hawaii, where he currently resides. He was an E3 in the USNR, earned his Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications at UNLV, became a SAG card carrying actor, and "made Milton Berle and Robert Goulet laugh" at the old Desert Inn and Dunes hotels. Garry proudly relates that his grandparents and father left Sicily in September, 1910, to come to America. His father and mother married in 1933 and had three sons, Garry being the youngest. He's the proud uncle to his brothers' eight children. In his retirement years, Garry enjoys surfing the Web, watching local bands, and talking politics on the beaches of Honolulu. Now that's a life. Mahalo Garry!

KAREN HOEFLING PAPA

"My four years at Gorman were full of memories and special friendships. I am grateful for the education and faith formation that they gave me. My biggest regret was that I moved out of Las Vegas to the Sacramento, California area shortly after graduation and lost contact with almost all of my '64 Classmates. I did pop back to Vegas in the Fall of 1989, but missed the 25th reunion earlier that year." Karen "popped" back in this year to update us on her life after BGHS. After graduation, she attended Colorado State University for 2 years and Mercy School of Radiological Technology where she obtained her certification as a radiological technician. She worked in that profession for 7 years then "retired" to work as a stay-at-home wife to hubby Vinnie and mother to her sons, Dominic and Damian. Karen continues to labor as a self-employed, private, in-home caregiver, property manager and medical transcriptionist. Mostly now though, she "works" at being "MEMA" to grandchildren Michael, age 2 and Dominic, age 1. In her spare time (spare time?), Karen is an avid NASCAR fan and enjoys playing bridge and entertaining. Did ya know she was matron of honor at Rhonda Cashman Evans wedding to Richard? Rhonda reciprocated at Karen's wedding to Vinnie Papa. Karen and Vinnie have been together 45 years. "Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend our 50th Reunion due to a prior commitment to attend the nuptials of her goddaughter. But, if any of my classmates are ever in the Sacramento area, Vinnie and I and our whole family would be happy to hear from you." (And that includes Gary Fowler)
WILLIAM A. PREZANT

DUANE J. ROSA “All of you have done a wonderful job preparing for our 50th year reunion. It is hard for me to believe that it has been 50 years! Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. I have a conference I am attending that week and presenting a paper in Hangzhou, China.”
P. C. RUSSELL Yes, he's got a big, bad muscle machine that keeps him busy in his retirement from the Air Force and the Las Vegas Valley Water District. Pat and Nita, his wife of 46 years, live in Henderson and enjoy their three children and five grandchildren. After graduating from BGHS, Pat was appointed to the Air Force Academy, receiving a BS degree in Engineering and a commission as a second lieutenant. "BGHS got me into the Academy." In his 20 plus years in the military, Pat was a decorated Vietnam Veteran with additional postings to Edwards AFB, CA; Homestead AFB, FL; The Royal Air Force, Brampton, England; and Ramstein and Bitburg, Germany, to mention but a few of his duty assignments. He and Nita have traveled to 26 different countries. Along the way Pat picked up an MS degree from Golden Gate University, CA. After retiring from the Air Force, Pat worked as a maintenance supervisor for the City of Las Vegas and project engineer for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, ensuring the delivery of precious drinking water for the Las Vegas Valley. Since retirement from the LVVWD, he keeps busy fine-tuning and touring in that Air Force blue Corvette, operating his HAM radio, woodworking, and computing. Did you know Pat is the webmaster for the BGHS Class of 64? And, as he puts it, spends time "staying in touch with lots of nice people." He's the ramrod for the Class's 50th Reunion celebration. Pat and Nita reside at 945 Rhyolite Terrace, Henderson, and are in the "book" if you want to get a hold of them. Who wouldn't? Thanks to Pat and keep on trucking!
ADOLPH JOHN RYZDEWSKI Of his BGHS experience John writes "It widened my horizon, having grown up in a small Midwest town. We moved to Las Vegas after my sophomore year and became socially liberal!". Wow John, that's telling it like it is! After graduating from Gorman, John received an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering, a third engineers license for steam and motor vessels and an Ensign commission in the Naval Reserve. He sailed in the Merchant Marines for 5 years before finding shoreside employment. Thanks for your service John! After his discharge, he worked as a car salesman for a short time (anyone remember Sam Krug Chrysler-Plymouth?) and then became a mechanical engineer for the DuPont Company in Delaware. Between his travels in the Merchant Marine and DuPont business, John visited 24 countries. He's been married to his wife Junko Okumura from Kyoto, Japan for 42 years. They have 4 children, three girls and one boy. Two of John's daughters graduated from his Alma Mater, the Merchant Marine Academy. He and Junko are grandparents 8 times over. In his retirement, John enjoys gardening and "old cars". Did ya know John's first name is Adolph? We hope you can make it to the 50th Reunion and spread around some of that social liberalism John.

MERL S. SAGE As all of his classmates know, Merl was a decorated first responder for 26 years as a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. After graduation from Gorman, Merl served a four-year tour in the USAF. Following his retirement from the LVMPD, he moved to Clinton, Montana, where he enjoys hunting, fishing and trapping in the great outdoors. Merl has been a competitive shooter for the last 40 years. On the gentler side, he is a master beekeeper. Merl continued his service to others as a Certified Surgical Technician, based at St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, Montana, for 10 years. Hey Merl, a big thanks for your service and we'll take that jar of honey at the 50th reunion!
MARY DAVIS SOLOMON So Mary Davis checked in and gave us a rundown about what she's been up to since graduation from BGHS. "Most of the time I've been a housewife, mother (4 children), grandmother (15 grandchildren!), self-employed mini, sometimes maxi, farmer (dairy breeder, produce grower), investor, and landlord. You might say I'm a jack of all trades and a master of a few." Mary attended UNLV and Blue Mountain Community College prior to professional gigs as an owner of video stores, fast food packager for produce products, apiarist (bee keeper), commercial crabber ("I had all the crab I wanted and the cat got the leftovers. Happy Cat!). Married 49 years to hubby Darrell, Mary started a second career as a "Navy wife and retired Navy mother," following her man to postings in San Diego, CA, Norfolk, VA, Charleston, SC, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Widbey Island, WA, and Adak, AL to mention a few. Mary...thank you for YOUR service! A couple of "Did ya knows" from Mary. "Gary Fowler and I were among the first Eucharistic Ministers about the same time while we were at opposite parts of the globe. I was at Adak, AL and Gary was at the South Pole. One morning, after working at the Officers Club at Guantanamo Bay, we were relaxing, playing poker and having some drinks when I discovered our bartender was Bob Gordon, Class of '63 at Gorman and lived a street or two behind me when we went to school." "I've slowed down with sports and hobbies though I still love to garden and sew. New hobbies in my "retirement" are shopping and walking."
BETTY SINA STEWART

LARRY W. SWANSON
WILLIAM B. TERRY "I was very fortunate to have gone to Gorman and to have met so many good people. I am glad many of us have remained friends and kept in contact. I don't know of many other graduating classes that seem to have the bond that the Class of '64 has." Bill Terry's one of Gorman's shining lights! After graduation, Bill attended UNLV earning his Bachelor's Degree and then went on to the University of San Diego Law School obtaining his doctorate in Jurisprudence. At USD, he shared digs with another Gael grad, Rene Arcenaux. Bill may have served you at the Riviera Hotel buffet line while he made expenses after graduation from BGHS, and he also worked his way through graduate school building swimming pools. Fresh out of USD, Bill was recruited by the high-power Las Vegas law firm of Goodman, Stein, Harris and Quintana. After a number of years before the bar in some pretty spectacular cases, he became a partner at Goodman, Stein, Harris, Quintana and Terry. Bill went on to create his own firm William B. Terry, CHTD and continued his stellar law career. When he's not in court, he enjoys "spending as much time as I can with my family, doting on his three grandchildren, and trying to be a better lawyer." Bill's visited eight countries when he can get away from the office. Special to him is his friendship with classmate Joe Lupo. "Joe and I have been best friends since high school." Together with Joe, Bill has hosted many an alumni gathering at his home in the East Valley and at his sylvan hideaway on Mt. Charleston. "I look forward to the 50th reunion and seeing everybody." FLASH!!! "I hope Cheryl Sylvain comes." Here's hoping she's there too Willie!
JOYCE MAURIELLO WEISDORF “The Gorman experience has been an integral part of my entire life. I have maintained close and loving relationships with many classmates who have been there for me during some really challenging times. I’ve also participated in both joyous and difficult occasions for my dear Gorman friends. We have always been there for each other. For those reasons, I am truly grateful.” After graduating from BGHS, Joyce went on to attend the University of Arizona and San Francisco State University where she obtained her Paralegal Certification. Professionally, she has worked as a paralegal, a business consultant and a realtor. She’s resided in Tucson, Washington, DC and San Francisco. Joyce has been married to husband Richard for 15 years and they have an adopted granddaughter, Samantha. “One of the joys of my life was becoming a MOM in mid-life. Samantha was my husband’s granddaughter. She came to live with us when she was two and we adopted her when she turned twelve. I am proud to say that she graduated with honors from the University of California-Merced.” Did ya know, Joyce’s maid of honor at her wedding to Richard was Michaelyn Velardo Sutherland? Joyce continues to work and in her spare time enjoys walking, reading and “pooch wrangling” the latest family addition, Jimmy. She also volunteered to handle all the financial arrangements for the 50th Reunion. Thanks Joyce and we’ll see you in October!

In Service to their Country

Tom Allen
Spent 3 years in the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant and Combat Engineer in the 5th Special Forces Group, Republic of South Vietnam.

Mike Antonio
Steve Ashcraft
US Navy

David Barraza
US Army, Stationed in Germany for two years.

John Bare
US Navy

Ken Campbell
US Air Force

Jeff Coller
US Marine Corps at Camp Lejune and Vietnam.
John Daleske

Joe Dalkowski
I was drafted in Dec. 1965. I was going to UNLV at the time but wasn’t carrying enough credits so uncle Sam found a place for me. I went to basic training in Ft. Bliss, Texas and then to advanced infantry training at Ft. Ord, CA. awaiting orders for OCS. The orders took too long and when they arrived I decided the Army was not for me so I withdrew my request and received orders for Ft. Riley, KS assigned to an infantry company but 2 days before I was to leave for Ft. Riley I received a call from a Sgt. On Ft. Ord who asked me if I would like to go to MP school. I accepted and after my MP training was assigned to the 298th MP company at Ft. Ord until I finished my time in the service. My last 6 months as an MP I rode weekends with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office and when on leave I put in an application with the Clark County Sheriff’s Office.

Doug DuCharme

Gary Fowler
1969-1971 3 tours of duty in WESTPAC on-board the aircraft carrier USS Hancock-CVA 19
*Communications Watch Officer
*Signals Division Officer
*Registered Publications Officer
1971-1972 USANTARCTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITY, DET ALFA, Winter-Over Party
*Executive Officer
*Communications Division O-I-C
*Air Operations O-I-C
*Legal Officer

Chuck Giasson
Served 1964-1994, starting as a Cadet at West Point then twenty-six years serving as a Program Executive Officer (PEO), Program and Product Manager, ROTC Instructor, Systems Engineer and Troop Leader. Chuck retired as a Colonel in 1994.
· Deputy PEO and Board selected Program Manager, led large organizations with budget of $3B in managing worldwide information systems for DOD
· First Board selected Product Manager for Army Small Computers. Fielded $1.2B of computers around the world to support DOD
· ROTC Instructor and Commandant of Cadets, instructed and led 120 students to be commissioned as officers in the Army.
· Systems engineer, integrated all sizes of computer
hardware, networks and telephone switches and managed development of software.

- Troop leader, commanded a signal company in Europe and a platoon in combat in Vietnam (2/22 Mechanized Infantry Battalion in 25th Infantry Division).

Madison Graves, II (dec)
US Naval Reserve 1966 - 1972, was on active duty in 1967 and 1968.

Ron Gomes (dec)

Harry Jacobs
US Air Force, Stationed in Alaska

Frank Koot
Served 1966-1969 in the US Marine Corps, made E-5, and served two years in Vietnam, specializing in communications, mainly in I CORPS.

James L. Kramer (KIA - February 15, 1967)
From the Virtual Wall: “My name is Jeff Thronson. I’m writing from South Dakota and I wanted to say that my brother Jim (now deceased) served with James Kramer in Viet Nam in C Co. 1/12th Infantry. My brother was with Sp4 Kramer on that fateful day in Feb 67. According to my brother’s account, their platoon was ambushed, everyone made it out OK except for Louis Willett, who stayed behind to provide covering fire (and was later awarded the Medal of Honor) and when Kramer realized that Willett hadn’t made it to safety, he went back to retrieve him and was killed in the process. He was truly an American Hero.”

Bob Laret
Served from 1965 to 1968 in the U.S. Army, advancing from the enlisted ranks to graduation from Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1967. As a newly commissioned Lieutenant, he went on to serve in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

Mike Lewis
Mike served two years on active duty and four years in a National Guard group. During his active duty, he served in Vietnam with the 1st RR Co. Aviation for the Army security Agency (ASA). They were known as Crazy Cat, and flew Army P2V's. There were 6 birds (1 practice bird and 5 mission birds crammed full of electronic gear). For that reason, they were EP2Vs. He also served with the 156th Aviation Co. RR, down in the Mekong Delta at Can Tho, with the U6A Beaver.

Ray Maguinness

Bob Maichle
Enlisted and sworn in 3 March 1966 and honorably discharged 12 December 1969. Served 3 years 9 months and 10 days. Attended night school in the service and completed almost 100 (Actually 96) credits in my “four” year enlistment. Used the GI bill to complete my education at Nevada Southern and UNLV. Last rank was Buck Sgt and date of rank was 1 February 1968. Awards were NDSI // SAEMR // AM: 900-3 and the only one I’m proud of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Jim Malm

Tim Morrissey (dec)

Garry Palermo
Entered Navy service 1966 as Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate
Duty: Los Alamitos NAS; USS Tripoli LPH 10; Long Beach NB
Exited: Honorably Discharged 1968 Airman E-3

Mike Potter (dec)

Duane Rosa
Served from 1968 to 1974, Ensign to Lieutenant, U.S.Navy:

Pat Russell
Served from 1964 to 1989.

2. As a career Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Pat was in a leadership position in 12 assignments at 11 different stations in 21 years of service including Commander of the 36th Organizational Maintenance and 31st Equipment Maintenance Squadrons. Served with the Royal Air Force.
4. Last assignment, B-2 Test Team, Edwards AFB, CA – retired as a Major on July 1, 1989.

John Rydzewski
Served 1968-1972. Sailed in the Merchant Marine from 1968 to 1972 after graduation from the Merchant Marine Academy (1968). During his sea year as a midshipman at the Academy, sailed to Vietnam. In the Naval reserve from 1968 to 1971, but was never called to active duty.

Merl Sage
US Air Force

Doug Schroeder (dec)
US Army

Mike Smith (dec)

Tom Wilkins
Luther Winder (dec) - US Navy, San Diego, CA and Vietnam in 1965.

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Photos of our class when attending BGHS

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Thank's Garry for all the nice work!

Las Vegas in the '60s

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