



July 2014

**Celebrating our
Nation's Independence**



Did you know that July is also...

- National Blueberry Month
- Unlucky Month for weddings
- National Hot Dog Month
- National Anti-Boredom Month
- National Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- National Ice Cream Month

Luv Those Letters!



**Eileen Walter Toscano
was in the Class
of 1959 and...**



**Barbara Walter
was in the Class
of 1964**

Dear Bob,
I enjoyed the You Tube of
Hicksville Then & Now Parts 1 & 2.
I grew up in Hicksville along with
my 2 sisters. We all went to HHS.
I graduated with the Class of 1970.
The music was nice, also...
Sincerely
Marilyn Walter Alter



**Marilyn Walter Alter
and granddaughter
Vera**

*Marilyn,
So glad you enjoyed. I had to put up on you tube in two parts before I was
eventually allowed unlimited video length. The video can be viewed complete
at the following link...*

Hicksville New York Then and Now

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jacJ_v0ceuU

Another video you might enjoy is at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-G3YcB9TItM>

*Don't see your name on our mailing list for the Hicksville High Newsletter. Have you ever
seen the newsletter on our website? If not, check it out and subscribe. Please let me know.*

Thanks.

Buffalo Bob Casale

p.s. Your sister Eileen graduated with my sister Eileen

Bob

I have seen the Newsletter...my sister Eileen let me know about it.
I will subscribe. Thank-you for the 2 video links, also.

Saying 'Grace' before dinner!

You don't have to know Chinese to understand this.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=604775426257928>

*This is both an old story and song, but done by a magician and I think worth the 3 minutes
it takesto watch, especially right after Memorial Day.*

Joe Carfora 1962

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*Dear Classmates,
Somewhere down the road, you asked to be included on the master list of the Hicksville High School Newsletter. You submitted an email address but no name was ever posted. Can you please send us your names so we can add it to the roster?*

*Thanks
Buffalo Bob Casale
Editor*



**Ray Nowak
1972**

Hi Bob,
Here's the requested information. I was class of 1972
See Comet yearbook photo attached.
Thanks
Ray Nowak



**Patricia Bowdrige Brimm
1964**

Bob
Here's the information. My name is Patricia Bowdrige Brimm. I graduated with the class of 1964. Attended the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital School of nursing and graduated in 1967. I moved to Salem, Oregon in 1968 and was a surgical nurse. Retired now and enjoying life. I am the proud parent of two daughters and one granddaughter. I am divorced.



Hi Bob
My maiden name was - Johanna LoGerfo,
class of 1964. My married name is
Johanna Dyckman

Johanna LoGerfo Dyckman, 1964

*Editors Note... Thanks for the update. I guess you are married to Jimmy Dyckman. My children were very involved in the St Ignatius Girls Drum and Bugle Corps and New Image as was Jimmy. Give me a shout back. Thanks! **Buffalo Bob Casale***

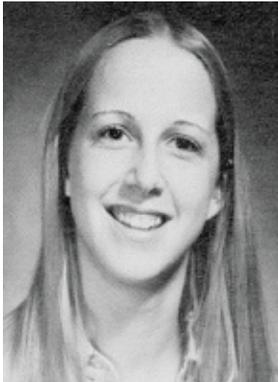
No, Bob, I'm not married to Jimmy Dyckman; however, he is my husband's first cousin. My husband's name is Bill but he has always been known as and called "Red Dyckman". He is 11 years older than me, born and raised in Hicksville and was a very well known baseball player who played until he was well into his 50's. He played on the White Sox's farm team back in the 50's.

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Editor



Sandy Meyer Sanger
1977

So sorry 'bout that! SANDY SANGER (nee MEYER),
Class of 1977. Your Independent Lia Sophia Jewelry Advisor
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www.facebook.com/baublefairy
and LIKE ME please!!!

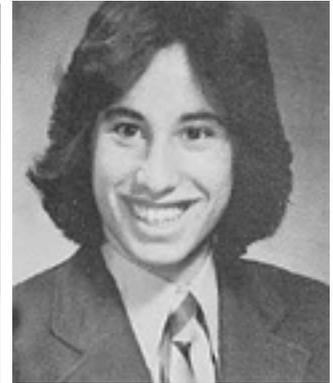
Hi Bob

My married name is Ilene Levy Melnitsky but I usually only go by my maiden name, Ilene Levy. I graduated HHS in the class of 1977. My husband, Ed Melnitsky, also graduated with the class of 1977. Thanks for doing the newsletter. It is wonderful!!

Regards
Ilene



Ilene Levy Melnitsky
1977



Ed Melnitsky
1977

Dear HixNews, You may add me on the spreadsheet for class of '81

Bob Kappel

Bob, are you related to Billy Kappel??? Thanks. Buffalo Bob Casale

Bob

Yes, I'm his punk kid brother. The last of the 6 of us. I remember your family name very well. Billy and his wife Lynne live down here in Georgia with me. Actually so does Annie, Kathy and Artie. Thanks for putting this sheet together. I will send him your regards. Bob

I'm in Augusta. Where are you and Bill living? I used to bowl with the Kappels at Woodbury Lanes years ago. When I was in the trucking business with my brother in law, Otto, we used to frequent Hudson carpet for clients. I remember Frank and your dad. I even went to the wake when Frank passed. I think your dad passed after we stopped bowling. Why do I think your dad died when he was driving somewhere??? I have chills thinking about those wonderful years. Why does Bob Stanley pop into my memory??
Bob

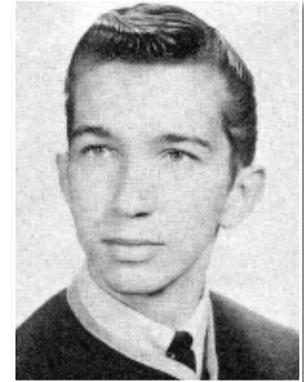


We've Got Mail!



Please update my e-mail address to (concealed) since I'm retiring soon.

Jim White 1965
Chief Engineer
Electronic Products



Jim
I updated my personal email address list. In order to update on the newsletter list, you have to go to the homepage: <http://hixnews.com> In the Google box on the left, type in your email address and then click on Subscribe. HenryLichtenstein will take care of making the appropriate change.

Regards
Buffalo Bob

Hi editors!!!
Thanks for the great job you do every month. I would like you to change my email from (concealed).
Thanks so much,
Sandi Notov Katz 1965



Hi all: Thanks for all the hard work you put into the newsletter. I look forward to getting it every month. The following is my new email address so would you please update to this address (Concealed).

Thanks
Howard Bell 1968

Editors Note... anyone wanting to contact Jim, Howie or Sandi, send a note to: editors@hixnews.com and we will make contact.

I saw a Thank you note and pictures of Eileen Walter and Tony Toscano in the June newsletter and would like to make contact with them via email.

Pete Foster '57

*Dear Tony and Eileen,
Pete Foster, Class of '57, would like to contact you.
His request is enclosed above this note.
Best wishes,
Henry Lichtenstein 1959*



A note to Robert Berkowitz...

I am an editor of the Hicksville High School Newsletter. The editors received an email from a committee member of the Chamber of Commerce in Hicksville. They requested that we put information about the proposed construction of a new fountain in Kennedy Park into the newsletter. I want to do a power point presentation to put up on You Tube about this venture. I need to spruce it up a little with some photos and came across your photos on Flickr. I'm asking permission to use some of them in the presentation. Let me know at your earliest convenience. Thanks

Buffalo Bob Casale

Hicksville High School, class of 1961

Editor HixNews

<http://hixnews.com>

Hi Bob,

You know...I was just sitting at a red light on 107 at the park the other day, and I started wondering if a new fountain was ever going to be put in. (What had happened with the old fountain?) I would be quite happy to donate the one-time usage of my Kennedy Park photos for your presentation, as I am a Hicksville resident myself.

- Would the required usage be for both the physical newsletter, as well as the online presentation?
- What resolution would you need the digital images to be in. All the photos on my Flickr.com site are 72/ppi, which should appear on a computer screen roughly 5" x 7".
- All my photos on my Flickr.com site have a built-in photo credit on the bottom of the image border. Can you utilize the photos that way?
- I have, I think, 12 photos up on my site of the park. Do you want to utilize them all?

I'm looking forward to hearing back from you. At my end, the only thing I'd have to do is go back in to update the photo credit on each image, and then I would e-mail the digital files to you. Thank you for your interest in my photography!

Sincerely,

Robert Berkowitz / RSB Image Works

www.RSBImageWorks.com

RSBImageWorks@aol.com

<http://www.Flickr.com/Photos/RobertBerkowitzRSBImageWorks>

Thanks for responding and thanks for permission to use the photos. It would be only used in the presentation. I'll put it on You Tube then reference the site in the newsletter. I'm interested in (see attached) The highest resolution so that the fuzziness doesn't take over. The attached are a little on the fuzzy side. Leave your credit on the bottom. The last of the attached pics I took many years ago. The fountain is just old...dedicated in 1979. I was at the dedication of the John Deere and took several pictures. Are you a graduate of Hicksville High? Do you know or are you related to Howie Berkowitz or Harry Berkowitz? I was in school with Harry back in the sixties (early) like 1960 and 1961). Thanks for your help. Regards, Bob You might enjoy the following. Hicksville New York Then and Now: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jacJ_v0ceuU

Hi Bob,

Thank you for the link to your "Hicksville Then & Now" video...really liked it! I have a very bad habit of when I'm driving around with others in the car I ALWAYS am saying, "Hey, you know what used to be here? Hey, you know what used to be there?" It always seems to bore people to death whenever I start. lol I went from Bethpage > Plainview > East Meadow > Plainview > Hicksville...so my life is pretty much concentrated within a 10 mile radius. And I remember a LOT! Sometimes I wish I had an audio/video out connector from my mind into a DVD recorder. I graduated in the class of 1970 at Plainview-Old Bethpage High School. However, a good friend of mine (who still lives in Hicksville) was in Billy Joel's Hicksville High School's graduating class. And I went to high school with one of Billy Joel's guitar band mates Russell Javors. I didn't realize that the fountain was built in '79...it feels like it was just last week! Nope, I'm not related to Howie or Harry. (Nor to Son Of Sam, David lol) Unfortunately, the only images I have of the Kennedy Park right now are the ones up on Flickr.com. I have over 200,000 images, film & digital, and my filing system is never in a stage of completion, and my high-resolution originals of the park (from 2008) seem to be hiding from me right now. But I cleaned them up a bit and adjusted color & sharpness. I think they should be ok.

Let me know. I've attached all my shots from the park, just in case you change your mind about any of them. I'd appreciate it if you would send me the link to YouTube video when it's ready. Thank you.

All the best!

Robert Berkowitz / RSB Image Works

Luv Those Letters!



Hello Bob

In my search for classmates, I was able to connect with Ron Wencer and sent him 1964 reunion information (<http://64.hixreunion.com/>). Ron forwarded the information to another classmate. He responded back and informed me about a classmate who had passed away. I am forwarding you his email with the information. Talk soon...hope all is well

Love

Maureen Uss

Hi again, Maureen,

FYI, I got a quick confirmation from George Sachs about receiving the reunion link, but I don't know if he's actually looked at it yet. At least he's been told. On another front, after looking at the "In Memoriam" section of the link, I recalled being told by someone several years back that Richard Elfring had passed away, due to health problems. I just checked online, and yes, Social Security indicates that he died about April 2001. I guess he can be added to that section.

Ciao again

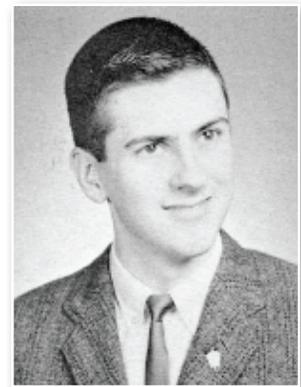
Ron

Maureen Uss forwarded your email to me so I could get the information about Richard Elfring passing. I will add it to the In Memoriam section at the reunion site. I noticed, too, that you're not on the mailing list for the Hicksville Newsletter. Several former students publish a monthly newsletter. Are you familiar with that publication? If not, please go to <http://hixnews.com>. Check out the website and all the features associated with the publication. You can also have your name added to our master mailing list. Each month you will get an email reminding you that the current newsletter has been posted to our website. Go to the home page and put your email address into the google box on the left and hit subscribe. Your name will be added to the master mail list. You can also see a list of subscribers on the master list. Just below where it says HixNews Subscribers Name and Class List click on where it says "clicking here" Also, please send me the email address for George Sachs If you have other email addresses for 1964 classmates, please send those to me also. We have over 1,800 subscribers and we want more alumni to learn about the newsletter. One other thing...did you serve in the military? Other former students are working on the construction of a Vietnam Era Memorial at the Junior High to honor all who served in the military from 1964 through 1975. Their names will be inscribed on the plaques. Thanks.

Buffalo Bob Casale

Class of 1961

My former business partner, Ted Swedalla, was in your class. We started Liberty Plumbing Supply in Hicksville in 1977 and had a 32 year run when we retired.



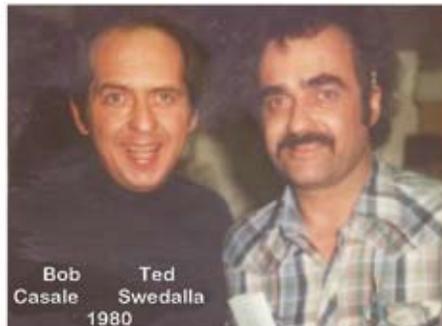
Ron Wencer



Ted Swedalla '64



Bob Casale '61



Bob Casale Ted Swedalla 1980



Ted and Bob Retired in 2011

Hi, Bob,

Thanks for following up about Richard Elfring's passing. I only knew him for about a year when life took us on separate paths, but I remember him as a quiet, thoughtful guy. I think someone told me that Richard got quite involved with theatre after HHS, but I don't know the details. Yes, I am aware of www.hixnews.com. I've silently followed it on and off for a while, but until recently, it seemed as if most of my class was not involved with it. I'm sure that the reunion is spurring more participation now. I intend to "sign up." BTW, I do recall Ted from Phys Ed classes, but I'm not sure if our paths crossed otherwise. Please give him my regards. Thinking about the Class of 1964, I've rummaged around, and I found a dozen issues of the Comet newspaper from 1963 and 1964, well aged but in good shape after 3 decades in my basement here in Toronto. They might be of interest to my old classmates, or maybe provide material for the Newsletter. I'd be happy to mail them to you, or to anyone else who might want them for the reunion, for Hixnews, or whatever. Just let me know. Congratulations to you and your peers on doing such a good job with the website.

Ciao,

Ron Wencer '64

Hi again, Bob,

I'll ask George Sachs about sharing his email address (I don't pass along contact info without people's permission).

I forgot to reply to your question about military service. No, I did not serve – but not through want of effort. In 1968, I decided to enlist rather than attend graduate school. After a couple of months of written tests and interviews to become a USAF pilot or navigator, I took a flight physical at McGuire AFB, and I got rejected because of a hereditary skin condition ("You mean you won't let people shoot at my aircraft because I have a rash on my back?"). I tried the Army, and it took them a while, but I got the rejected for the same reason. At the time, I was pretty put out by the rejection, but who knows what might have happened otherwise, right?

Ciao,

Ron

Mr. O'Doherty was the one teacher at HHS who had a lifelong impact on me. He taught 11th grade track 1 English, coached my brother in little league and had dinner at my house a couple of times. He also taught 8th grade English, earlier. Some kids (my wife, for instance) had him twice. I was in a small circle of 12th graders who he would socialize with; pizza at Frank's Alibi, movies....we saw the 8 hour War and Peace in two seatings at the twin Cinema. He also hosted trips to Stratford, CT, when they still did Shakespeare there. In the Particle room, he was the advisor to the student literary magazine and would spontaneously recite beautiful poetry from memory, poems by Edna Millay, for instance. In class he did "The Wreck of the Deutschland" by G.M.Hopkins by heart. He also worked early detention, where he would play German lieder to us no-good-niks while we served our time. He was also a great fan of Samuel Johnson, the dictionary guy. My understanding is he died of a heart attack in the late 70's or early 80's. I was renovating a brownstone in Hoboken at the time with another Hicksville friend; by the time we found out about his passing it was too late to say goodbye and let him know all that he meant to me. Maybe I didn't even know that, then. After high school I had from time to time thought of visiting OD though I didn't live in NY anymore; but I thought he'd be disappointed in what I'd made of my life up to that point. What I jerk I was to not seek him out anyway. Well, up in heaven I know he's proud of what so many of his students made of their lives, including me; I even married one of his students from the class of 71 (She had him twice, which was enough for her.) If anyone's interested I could tell you more.

Dennis Hendrickson 1970

p.s. Dear Editors...I understand that Mr. Redican (English) is living in Massapequa. He and his wife were so incredibly kind to me when I was in the 9th grade. Miss Boylan was my Algebra teacher. Could you pass him my email and name? Thanks a Million

Dennis Hendrickson Class of 1970

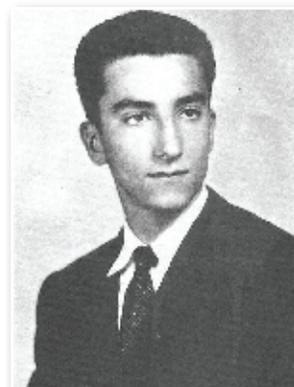
Hi Dennis,

The HixNews members comprise primarily alumni of Hicksville High School.

We don't keep track of 9th grade teachers. But if you Google "Massapequa Redican", you will get some results, including: "Report on Laurence P. Redican in Massapequa, NY"

Best

Henry Lichtenstein



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Paul & Margaret Divan 1945
- Joan & Bill Stahley 1946
- Florence Zoubantes Composto 1953
- Ginny Mohr Trombetta 1957



Gerry Bracero Callejas
1953

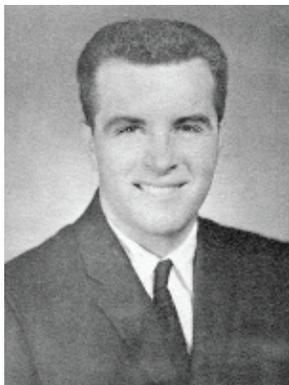
It's always such a pleasure to receive birthday greetings from you. Thanks to all the staff of HixNews for remembering us old folks.
Gerry Bracero Callejas

Dear HixNews,
I viewed the birthday card a couple of times; I enjoyed it that much! Thank you so very much. It made me feel so good.
May Perduto Horn 1958



Linda Mastrosanti Aragoncillo
1961

Dear HixNews
Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday card. I had a nice birthday. I really appreciate you remembering me. It makes my birthday even more special. It's nice to be remembered by friends.
Linda Mastrosanti Aragoncillo



Dennis Joannides
1961

HixNews,
Thank you for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated and it's very nice to hear from you.
Dennis Joannides



Carol Makowski Kinney
1961

Dear HixNews
The card is perfect. I always buy daffodils in season. They were my mother's favorite!
Carol Makowski Kinney

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Linda Weber Staudt
1961



Elsie Krauss O'Neill
1961



Thank
YOU



Ken Pohl
1964

Thank you for the E-Card.
I am now one year closer to my new beginning.

Brad Jaworski

Thank you for the card, and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. Also very much appreciate your involvement in our 50th reunion. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country during this September and unable to attend. Will see you all at the 60th. Best to all.

Ken Pohl



Brad Jaworski
1961



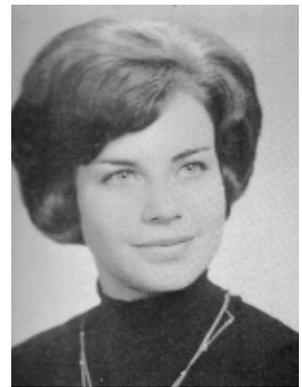
Arthur Hirsch
1961



Anna May Powers Riddell
1961



**Joan Youngmans and
Richard O'Donnel, 1963**



Karen Malter Coles
1965

Dear HixNews
Thank you for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. I don't use my hotmail address very often and just found this card today. It would probably be better if you sent future e-mails to (address concealed). Thanks.

Gail DiLeo Cuoco 1964

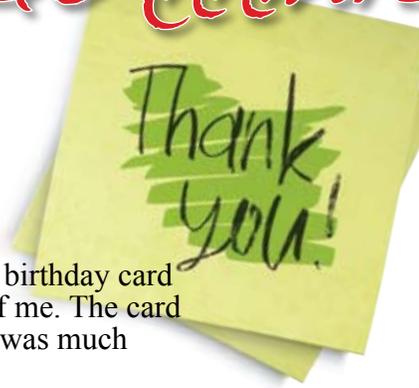


Birthdays & Anniversaries



Lydia Sluder Cassidy
1966

Thank you for the birthday card and for thinking of me. The card was beautiful and was much appreciated.



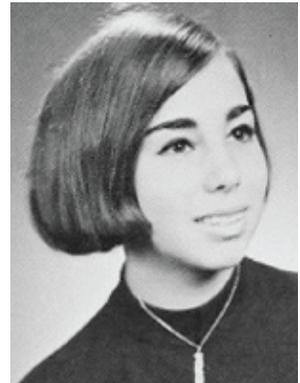
Diane Magee & Gerard O'Brien
1964



June Diers Niedfeldt and Kenneth Niefeldt
1966



To the gang at HixNews, Thank you for the card and for thinking of us on our "39th" anniversary. It's always a pleasure to receive the newsletter and revisit good times in Hicksville



Audrey Glenn Schneider, 1967
and Gary Schnieder



Joan Immoor
1968



Stephanie Schlegel Manning
1968



Kathleen Vito Leo
1969



Josie Dzieniezewski Bacchi
1976

Linda Romagnolo 1971
and Kevin McHugh 1970



Leslie Mantooh Bial 1978
& Tedd Bial

WELCOME!



New Readers!

I'm now living in southeastern Florida. While I was in high school, my family lived on Spindle Road. Would love to hear from school mates.



Renee Brilliant Anderson
1959

Renee

*You graduated with my sister, Eileen Casale and my step-sister, Christine Heidt. We lived just off Spindle on Berry Lane at the corner of Memory Lane. I used to catch the bus to the high school at the Memory and Spindle corner. One of my best buddies in high school was Bob Gillette who lived at 116 Spindle. I think his sister, Kathy, was in the class of 1958. What number were you at??? When was the last time you were back in Hicksville? You might enjoy my video: **Hicksville New York Then and Now:***

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jacJ_v0ceuU

I used to cut the grass for a June Taylor dancer from the Jackie Gleason show who lived on Spindle up near Gull Road and the West Village green pool. My first job was at the Sunrise Supermarket that was the center building at the West Green. My supervisor was Gladys Stermer, Bobby Stermer's mom. Bobby passed awhile back as have many of your classmates (see attached).

Do you remember when the jet crashed at the curve on Blacksmith Road near Jerusalem Avenue? Quite a few memories. Thanks for signing up.

Regards
buffalo bob casale 1961
Editor HixNews

I lived at 49 Spindle Rd. My sister still lives there. Enjoyed your video and it brought back memories Thank You.

Renee



Ruth DeVivo
1964



Joan Lawlor Roehrig
1964



Elizabeth Harrison Germain
1964

WELCOME

new readers!



Michael Germain
1964



Gene "Skip" Huber
1964



Jo Ann Vilardi Huber
1965



Paul Pugliani
1967



Barbara Flanagan Markland
1972



Mike Traidman
1967

Good morning,
My husband and I graduated from Hicksville High in 1968.
We moved to the Midwest in 1975 and would love to connect
with our hometown.
Thank you.

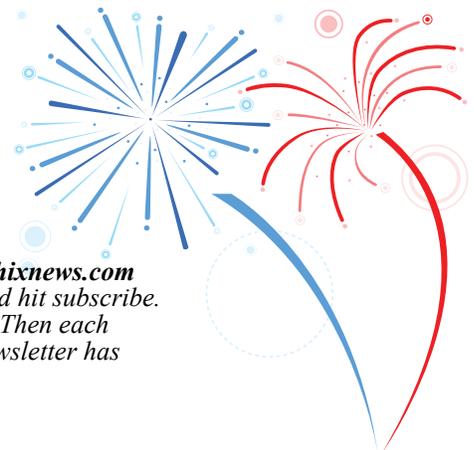
Karen Kopher Rومان & Wayne Rومان

*Editor note... Please go to the home page <http://hixnews.com>
Type your email into the google box on the left and hit subscribe.
Henry will then add your name to the master list. Then each
month you will get a reminder that the current newsletter has
been posted to our website.
Buffalo Bob Casale*

Edmund Chwalisz 1970

*Editor note... Can you send me a picture of you from high school (perhaps
scan a yearbook photo) and a current photo? Because you're a new subscriber
to HixNews, I like to add photos so that former classmates can remember who you are.
Thanks! Regards...**Buffalo Bob Casale***

Dennis Hendrickson 1970





Hicksville New York Then and Now

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jacJ_v0ceuU

Hi Bob, thanks for the great job on "Hicksville Then and Now," especially the tribute to our hometown Heroes!

Best Regards,

Murry Dalaimo 1959

BOB,

I enjoyed "The Memorial"! Then and now brought back memories.

I missed seeing the 'BIG BEN' Super Market on West Marie St.

I worked there while in High School. Also the House that was on Broadway, where the Professional Building now is or was. It was

moved to 69 East John St. That was where I lived from 1931 till 1949.

I joined the Navy In 1949, then I graduated. There is a picture of the house in the Museum on Herzog Place. Great Job BOB.

Art Lembke 1949

Thanks to Sue McCotter for the following...

This is kind of nostalgic to watch as it takes us back to the 50's & 60's. The guy is more fun to watch. He is as "loose as a goose." Shag Dance Winners will take you back to the "Good Old Days" when dancing was fun. This couple is great together and I can see why they won the 2012 Junior II Champs - National Shag Dance. Usually the female is featured, but here the young man steals the show - His legs are like liquid magic. And, bless her heart, she lets him shine. He's 17 and she's only 15. But together, they won the 2012 Junior Division National Carolina Shag Dancing Championships., They're dancing to Joe Turner's "Flip, Flop and Fly."

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/NF80SbicjBE?rel=0>

There's Robert "Buffalo Bob" Casale and then there's Robert Casale who is my nephew. Robert, my nephew, never knew his father because he abandoned him at birth. Robert was blessed with his father's name when he was born. Little did anyone know that he was not pleased with the name. When Robert turned 18, he changed his name to Casale. He certainly has upheld the surname. He graduated from Kapiolani College, Oahu, Hawaii with a degree in Exercise Sports Science. Robert is a living specimen of what Exercise Sport can produce.



Dear Readers,

It's hard to believe that Memorial Day is upon us. This is a time to reflect on all those who lost their lives defending our freedoms. Probably every one of us can tell a story about a family member who served in the military. The presentation referenced below pays tribute to the many who died but highlights our alumni who paid the ultimate sacrifice. It runs about 10 minutes.

love yah

Buffalo Bob Casale

p.s. last day of school for the kids here in Augusta, Georgia is Tomorrow, May 23rd!!!

Memorial Day Tribute to Hicksville High School Veterans

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1304uB9Uoqk&list=UUXo7KBz3u7jaisFnbyAeyxQ)

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Wonderful.
Thank you.
Linda Frimmer DiBlasi
1958



Bob,
You are terrific and special
Eileen Walter Toscano, 1959
Anthony Toscano, 1959

That was done beautifully!!

Anita Uhlich Basile 1958

Excellent, a real tear jerker.

Joyce

Joyce,

I don't see your name on the Hicksville Newsletter Master list. Are you a Hicksville graduate??? Please let me know your maiden and married name. Do you know about HixNews??? <http://hixnews.com>

thanks

Buffalo Bob Casale

p.s. I searched Email Finder and found your email with the name of Molly Landolt

Bob,

I graduated Hicksville High in 1959,
Joyce K. (Van de Merlen) Landau.

I am a subscriber to HixNews.

I have no idea who Molly might be.

Joyce





Hi Bob,
Just a short thank you for your Memorial Day Gift.
It was most appreciated.
Ron & Lin Rocek, 1960



Wonderful! With
tears in my eyes.
Elaine Grecz Libert 1962

Bob,
Thank you for that wonderful tribute.
Yes, we should all give thanks to our military every day,
not just on Memorial Day
Paula Knight Rothschild, 1961



Well done.
Mike Ryan, 1964

Hi Bob,

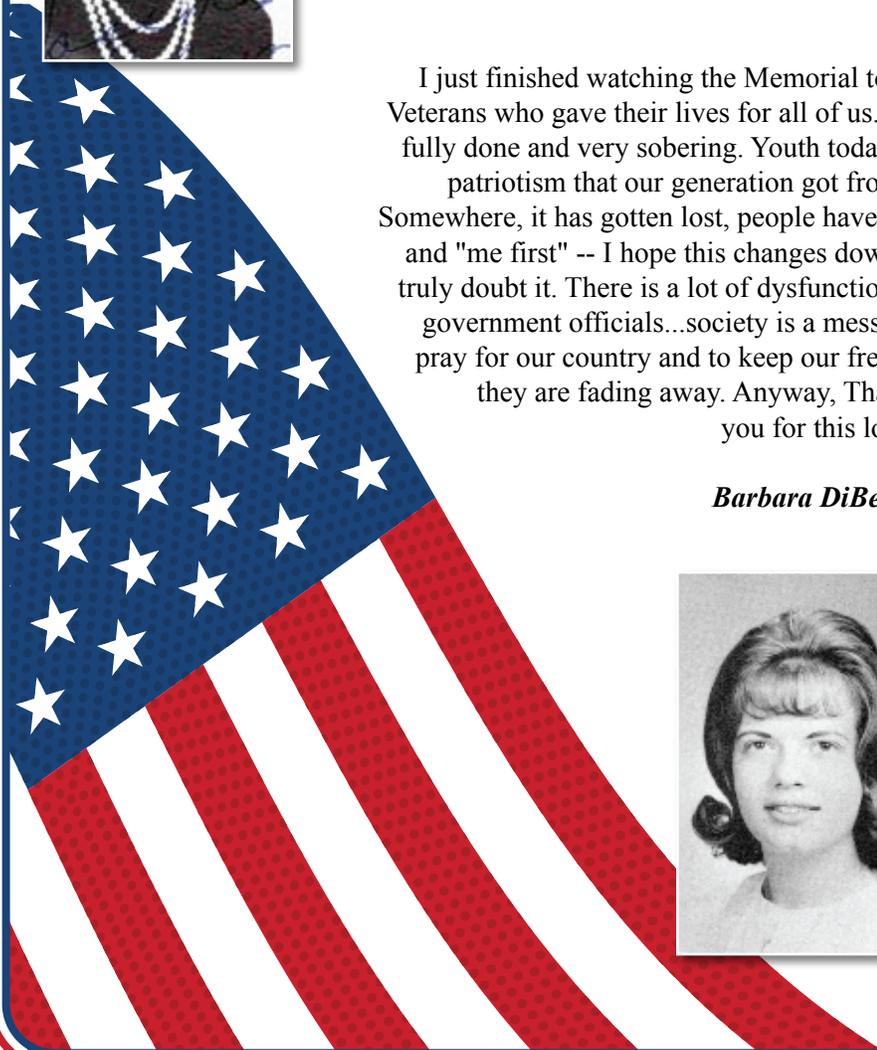
I just finished watching the Memorial to our Hicksville Veterans who gave their lives for all of us. It was wonderfully done and very sobering. Youth today don't have the patriotism that our generation got from their parents. Somewhere, it has gotten lost, people have become greedy and "me first" -- I hope this changes down the line, but I truly doubt it. There is a lot of dysfunction in our present government officials...society is a mess. We all need to pray for our country and to keep our freedoms, because they are fading away. Anyway, Thank You! Thank you for this lovely memorial.



xo
Barbara DiBella Dowd, 1964



TERRIFIC!!
THANKS FOR SHARING...
Patricia Bowdrige Brimm 1964





Hi Bob
 Thanks for taking the time to put together this wonderful presentation. God Bless all those who have died preserving our freedom.
Johanna LoGerfo Dyckman, 1964



A sobering reminder... Thank you for putting Memorial Day into it's proper perspective.
Larry Senn, 1964

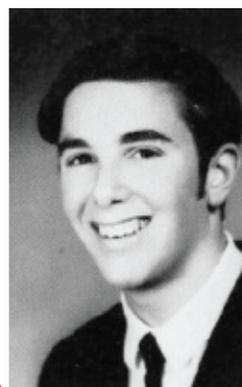


Bob
 You did a great job. I knew too many of the fallen heroes. Thanks for a great tribute to their service.
Glen Olsen, 1965

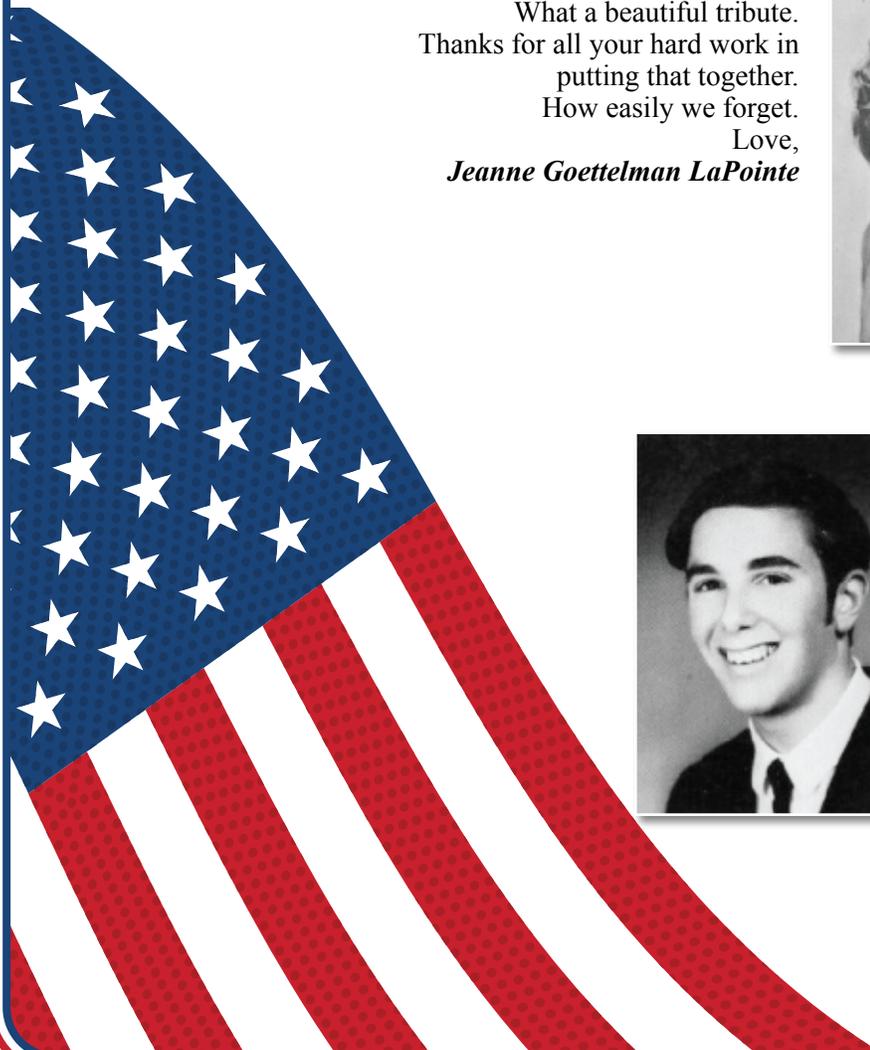


Dear Bob,
 WOW! Thank you so much for the great tribute to the men that served and lost their lives for us. My eyes are still tearing as I remember them. God Bless.
Toni Izzo 1966

Bob:
 What a beautiful tribute. Thanks for all your hard work in putting that together. How easily we forget.
 Love,
Jeanne Goettelman LaPointe

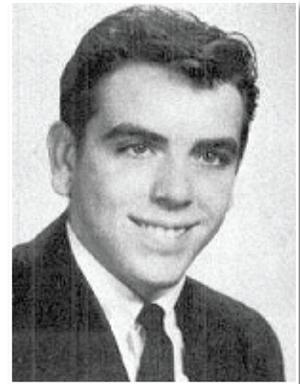


THAT was a BEAUTIFUL tribute! Thank you, thank you, thank you Mr. Casale!!
Don Engelman 1969



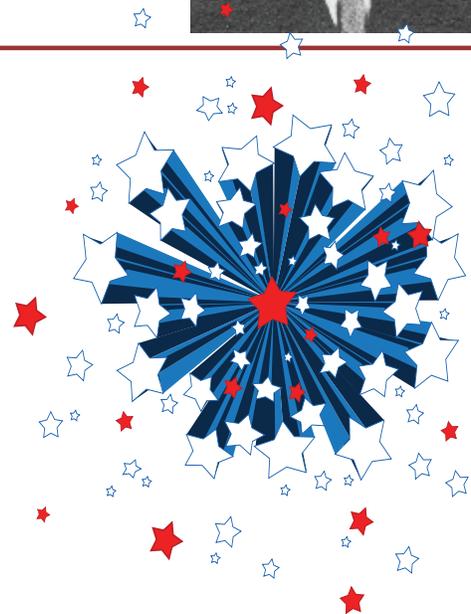
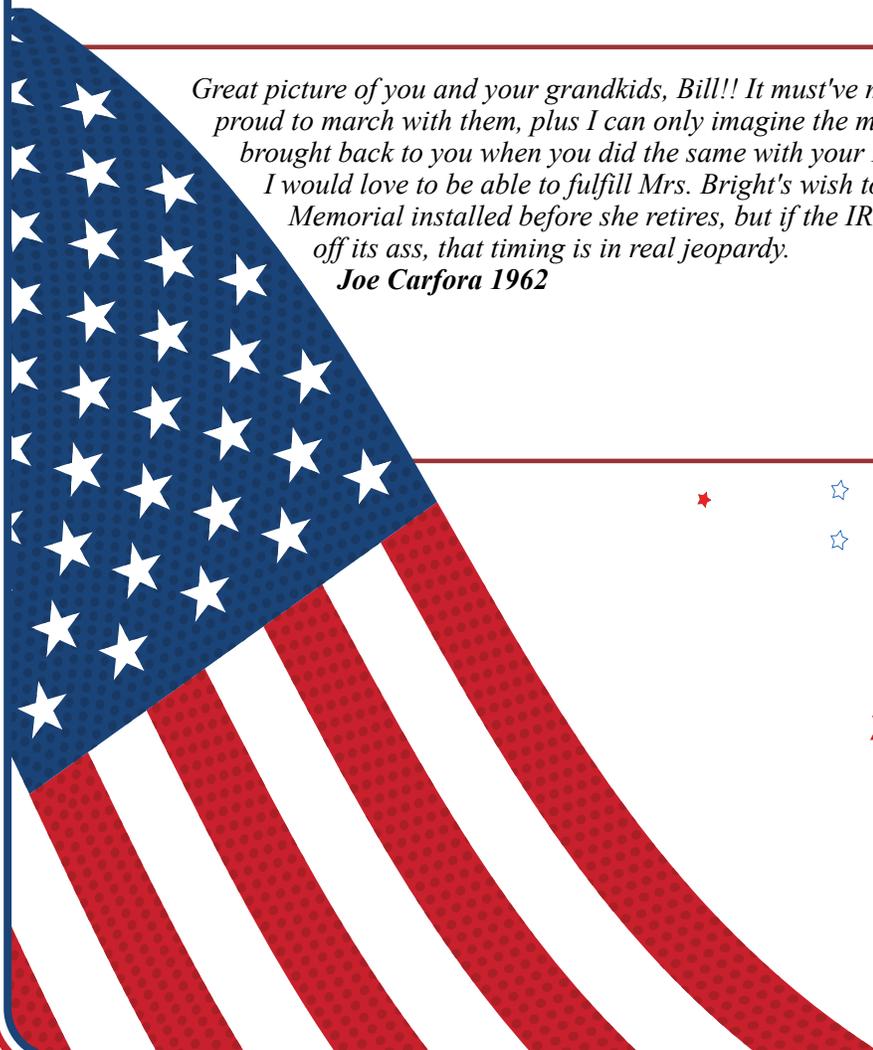
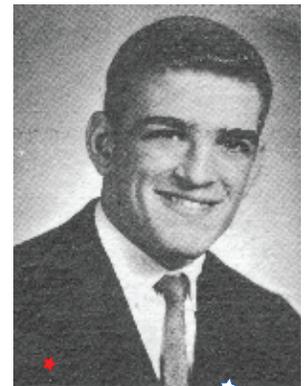


Hi Bob,
Attached is a picture from this year's Hicksville Memorial Day Parade. Beside being this year's parade chairman and master of ceremonies, I had the pleasure of having my five grandchildren march with me. I remember as a child marching with my father, George Walden - Commander Hicksville VFW 1957, in the parade.



Pictured left to right are: Giavanna, Kaitlyn, William, Giuseppe, and Antonio. The Hicksville Vietnam Era Veterans Memorial was mentioned during the Memorial Day Ceremonies by me and Superintendent Maureen Bright. Superintendent Bright also mentioned that she will be retiring in 2015 and hopes that the Monument will be installed before she retires. I will be forwarding more pictures as I get them.
Bill Walden, 1965

Great picture of you and your grandkids, Bill!! It must've made you proud to march with them, plus I can only imagine the memories it brought back to you when you did the same with your Dad. I would love to be able to fulfill Mrs. Bright's wish to see the Memorial installed before she retires, but if the IRS doesn't get off its ass, that timing is in real jeopardy.
Joe Carfora 1962



REUNION!

CLASS of 1965 REUNION POSSIBILITIES

I have been talking with a few class members about our proposed upcoming 50th reunion. Those involved with our 40th are not interested in chairing our 50th. The following are scenarios for a reunion...what appeals to you? Send a response to Elin Fischman Lawrence at: elawrlaw@sbcglobal.net

#1--Reunion on LI at a restaurant on a Saturday evening- need a chairperson/volunteers to arrange the place, etc.

#2 - A short 3-5 day cruise out of FLL or Miami - can be arranged with a travel agent or cruise line.

#3- Many members of our class live in the SE part of the US- arrange a dinner in Florida at a restaurant or facility for Saturday night and other activities, cocktail party, beach party at someone's place in FL. I live part time in Fort Lauderdale and would be happy to host a gathering if the #'s are not too large. My condo building does have a large party room and catering facilities if the response was over 50 people.

#4- do nothing

I would love to hear from classmates and what they would like to do for this special reunion. Please when you email tell me where you live, your choice of venues and time of year you prefer. My sister had her 50th a few years ago on LI. The cost was \$109 /night for the hotel and the dinner was \$98/pp plus travel costs and other meals over the weekend. The class of 1964's reunion this year costs are \$125 for the dinner and \$145.95/night at the hotel. Feel free to send this on to others in the class who do not get HIX news.

Elin Fischman Lawrence '65
elawrlaw@sbcglobal.net

A Video of Yosemite HD in Time Lapse!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwzY1o_hB5Y&list=PLbpi6ZahtOH6qU1WZzpcYz6hPhPRMByo8&index=2&feature=inp-em-ui22-01

Thanks to Robbie McCotter for the following...

AMERICAN TRADITION

No Words Necessary. Food City, a Grocery Store Chain, is located in the Southeast and is headquartered in Bristol, TN. This is a great 1-minute commercial. Not a word spoken and none needed. Very few commercials deserve to go viral. This one does.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoABty_zE00

But I'd bet all the good people in Bristol TN shop at Food City and feel damn good about it.

Time Lapse of Earth from the International Space Station!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOAEIMx39-w&list=PLbpi6ZahtOH6qU1WZzpcYz6hPhPRMByo8&index=5&feature=inp-em-ui22-01>

FLASHBACK

Bob,

Thanks for sharing your memories of Joyce at your house in the Poconos. I was never aware of that. Sharon and I are lucky to still have each other and I know you must miss her a great deal. Alzheimer's is such a terrible disease, not only because of its effect on the victim, but on the entire family. Also, please extend my personal thanks to David Rubin for his contributions to HixNews. That's got to be very hard to do while still working full time, so we all understand his need to give it up. It's great Elliot Gorlin has volunteered to pick up David's role. I'm learning that Sarasota is considered "Southwest Florida" by many here. I always thought that meant Ft. Myers and Naples! David's note says he lives in "South Florida", so if that's anywhere near me, tell him I'd love to meet him some time!

All the best,
Joe Carfora



Hi Bob,

When I sent in my original June submission (see below), I tried killing two birds with one stone and attached the picture of Sharon and me with Fred & Barbara Fischer, HHS '69 and '70 respectively, hoping I had given you enough info to post it in the June 1 issue. I see it didn't make it, so I'm resending so you can put it in the July 1 issue, if possible. Fred was kind enough to welcome me to Florida, thanks to finding out from HixNews that we were moving into the same area he lives in, Lakewood Ranch. We met for breakfast one morning and dined with our wives on Memorial Day before attending the Lakewood Ranch Memorial Day Parade together with our brides. I've had notes from other HHS alumna living down here from my HixNews post and will get together with them also after our new home construction is underway. With seven class years separating us, Fred and I had never met before, but that's the power of HixNews! It connects us thanks to that common thread of having attended good old Hicksville High. In our case, the fact Fred and Barbara reached out to us made us feel even more welcome to our new surroundings.

Best regards,
Joe

Joe,

Sorry I missed the note. I sometimes don't look at your memorial update and this was one of those times. No problem...the note will be included in the July issue with pictures, of course.

Buffalo Bob

In Memoriam

Dear Family and Friends,

Blessed Memorial Day. Here is a direct link to the Special on Channel 12 News Long Island called Fallen Hero's...

<http://longisland.news12.com/multimedia/fallen-heroes-rememberinglong-island-s-soldiers-1.8175756>

My son, Daniel, is part of the fallen heroes' video. Daniel suffered with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and because of this illness, Daniel's life was cut short. I know I couldn't have gotten through any of this without your help. Thank you all for your continued support and most of all for remembering Daniel.



Blessings

Mary DeFelice Stea, 1965

Dear Mary:

I was very impressed with your segment on Cable 12 and so proud as well! You seem so natural and relaxed - truly being yourself. Our hearts will never forget Daniel or any of the other fallen heroes, like our cousin, Alan, who died in Vietnam. Lynn and I visited him yesterday to pay our respects. While we were there, some woman came over to give us two beautiful red roses to put on the gravesite. I have never seen that happen before but, I guess, this is her way of "giving back."

*Love,
Lau*

Mary

The video and story was a great tribute to a true "fallen hero." Though Daniel's life was cut short, his legacy will go on for a long time. He served honorably defending our freedoms that we most times take for granted. I served for 9 years in the navy and loved every minute of my time in. Unfortunately, my wife hated the military and forced me to get out. I am quite familiar with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) because 34 of my shipmates from the USS LIBERTY were murdered back on 8 June 1967 and 194 others were wounded.

Many who survived are suffering from PTSD. They not only suffer from wounds received 47 years ago but many go through nights of terrible nightmares about that tragic day. Those who applied for PTSD hardship were granted a monthly stipend that isn't a lot but helps those who are in pain.

Do you have a picture of Daniel in uniform? I'm going to post something in the newsletter and would like to have a picture or two should you have something available. Did Daniel attend Hicksville High?

Thanks so much Mary, too, for cooking for those boys who certainly don't deserve the anguish that surrounds them every day. There's nothing better than a good, home cooked meal to soothe the mind.

love yah

Buffalo Bob Casale

Dear Bob,

My heart goes out to you and your buddies. I have witnessed the pain of PTSD first hand. Daniel seemed fine when he came back from Iraq, although he was injured and worried about joining the NYC police department, which already accepted him. He received the acceptance from the NYC Fire Department after he had passed away. With his injury and the sudden passing of his girlfriend from an aneurism, he became more and more withdrawn. He cared so much about everyone, but felt his career and life was falling apart. *(continued on next page)*

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Being an expert shot he was on the saw, a small machine gun and was the first to encounter men, women and children who strapped bombs to themselves to try to break out the prisoners from Abu Grab. He had nightmares about that and couldn't sleep. He didn't want anyone to see him like that so he isolated himself in his bedroom. Although we talked quite a bit and he would sit close and want hugs and then would be strong and hug me. I miss that the most. He assured me he wouldn't hurt himself. He took his life at his father's house. I assume in that moment the pain was too much to handle. I am sure you of all people understand better than I do.

Daniel didn't want his condition on any medical records and always talked about being able to go someplace for help for PTSD anonymously. When I heard about the idea of Mother's cooking for the Vets with PTSD to encourage them to come to the PFC J. Dwyer Veterans Peer to Peer Program, where Vets who have dealt with PTSD help Vets suffering from PTSD, I jumped at the opportunity to cook for these Vets who were so close to my heart.

Here is a photo of Daniel. He went to Commack High School. Daniel knew a lot of my students at Hicksville, since I grew up there and taught in Hicksville High School. I would bring him to school in the afternoons and to all the activities when he was a baby, child and teenager. He would stop by on his own once he got his license.

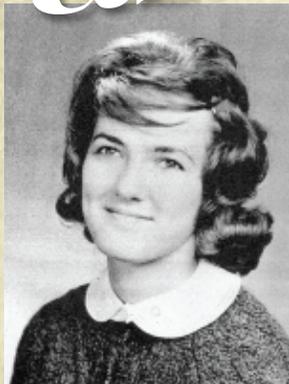
Thank you for bringing Daniel's story and awareness of PTSD to as many people as possible. I appreciate it.

Blessings,

Mary



Passages

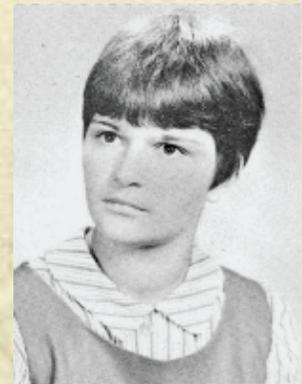


Toni Grundon Martin
1964

Please add **Toni Grundon Martin** to "In Memoriam" for the class of 1964. I'm not sure of the actual date she passed, but I believe it was in 2012. Thanks.

Victoria (Vickie)(Koumou) Hellmann, 1964

Bob,



Victoria (Vickie)(Koumou) Hellmann
1964

United States Social Security Death Index

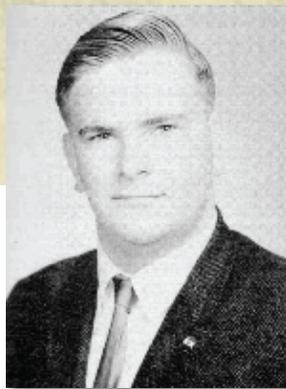
Name: Toni Lee Martin
Born: 10 Aug 1946
Died: 22 May 2013
State (Year) SSN issued: New York (1962)
Residence (at time of death): Hicksville, New York
Children's' Names: Voley and Ryan
Siblings' Names: John, William, Susan and Claudia
Military: US Army

Obituary:

Toni Lee Martin of Hicksville on May 22, 2013.
Served honorably in US Army.
Dedicated employee of Century 21 of Hicksville
Loving mother of Voley and Ryan. Beloved sister to
John, William, Susan and Claudia.



Passages



Below is information regarding the death of **Richard Elfring** from the class of 1964...

Name: Richard J. Elfring
BORN: 27 May 1946
Died: 14 Apr 2001
SSN issued: New York (1962)

Hi Bob,
I saw in a recent newsletter that Barbara passed away. Do you happen to know when and the circumstances? She was a good friend in High School.
Thanks.
Art Pardo 1962

Editors,
Miserable news about **Barbara Przybyszewski**...the worst. She died of cancer Oct 3, 2003. She is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. She was married to Ed Woolf and had two kids. I've found a photo of her from the 1980s and I've written the site I found it on asking permission to post the photo and a poem there to HixNews. I remember her in fifth grade at Old Country Road Elementary School with white, white skin and black, black hair, hair that fell naturally in ringlets about her face, her smiling face with warm smiling sparkly eyes.
Kim Allen '62

Editor note...the information for Barbara is shown below.



Photo © 1987, by Ed Woolf

The poem and photo are from a page <http://www.artb4food.com/barb.html> maintained by her friend, Rita Webb, Ranger Rita, who was with her just before her death.

Ranger Rita says:
Barbara Woolf was my friend. I went to see her in the hospital on Oct 1, 2003, but she was in a coma. I wrote this poem while I was in the hospital room. She died on Oct 3, just ten days shy of her 59th birthday.

Raven-Haired Angel
by Rita Webb

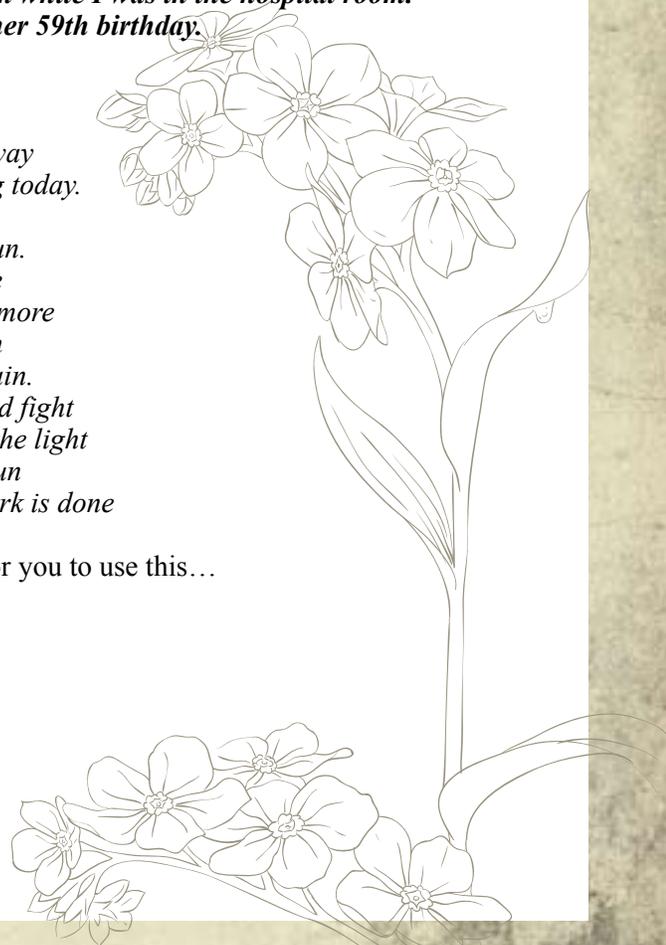
*One foot on the earth, one light-years away
You can't speak to tell what you're seeing today.
Raven-haired angel, your journey begun
To fly through the cosmos, far past the sun.
Someday I'll wing to a long distant shore
We'll see each other, and we'll talk once more
For now, just sleep away all of your pain
Raven-haired angel, through this final rain.
Raven-haired angel, you've fought a good fight
Escape from Earth's darkness, and into the light
All of your sorrow, your tears to gold spun
Sleep, black-haired angel, your day's work is done*

Editors: Rita has given me permission for you to use this...

Kim

*U.S. Social Security Death Index,
1935-Current about Barbara I. Woolf*

*Name: Barbara I. Woolf
SSN: Concealed
Born: 13 Oct 1944
Died: 3 Oct 2003*



REUNION!

Dear Class of 1965

There is a pending Fifty Year Reunion to be held sometime in 2015. Response to Elin's request to know who will attend has not been tremendous. If you think you can or know you will attend, please send a note along to Elin at: elawrlaw@sbcglobal.net

I put together a short power point presentation that has many pictures from the 40 year reunion back in 2005. Just looking at the glow on the many faces as they met their classmates after many years is heartwarming. The same result could be what happens at your "Fifty Year Reunion." I'm sorry that I could not put names to many faces. I sent out several requests along with some pictures asking for confirmation of who was who. Too few responses prompted me not to include names now. As you view the presentation, should you know someone, please let me know via email: bufbob@juno.com

The presentation is only 21 frames and takes about five minutes to view. If you know someone in any of the pictures, and plan to respond to me, please just count the frames and let me know the name of the person you recognized and the number of the frame. I will update the presentation to include names and then add in pictures from the reunion. Also, if you have old pictures, sophomore hop, junior prom, senior ball, senior trip, parties...anything you have, please email to me as an attachment. Most of all, let me know what you think of the mini presentation. Hopefully this will pique interest.

Warmest Regards to all
Buffalo Bob Casale

Hyperlink to Forty Year Reunion Hicksville Class of 1965
<http://youtu.be/2Xf3MXcEXRQ>

YEARBOOKS ANYONE?

Dear Classmates,

I spend a great deal of time scanning and downloading photos from various yearbooks for the newsletter. Over the years, I've been able to accumulate yearbooks from the following years... 1951-1952-1953-1959-1960-1961-1962-1963-1964-1965 and 1966. Because I have these yearbooks, I'm able to put a face to a name. However, we have classmates from 1936 through 2005 who are on our mailing list. Thus, I'm looking for more yearbooks so I can scan more pictures that are clear and quite legible.

If anyone has an extra yearbook in the closet or if you want to contribute the one you have to the Hicksville Newsletter, it would be very much appreciated. I'll even offer to buy the yearbook from you and you will be reimbursed for any postage that is needed to complete the transaction. I'll take anything from 1967 through 2013.

Let me know.
Thanks

Buffalo Bob Casale



YEARBOOKS ANYONE?

Hey Bob,

Not interested in 1947 to 1950, or earlier yearbooks? Some of us are still "alive & kicking." I'm still playing organized softball & have my 1947 yearbook. If you wish, I will be happy to mail it to you in 3 months. A Floridian for 40 years now vacationing in New York for the summer months.

Ethel Kunz Lehmann 1947

Editor Note...Very Interested.

Mail it when you get back to Florida and thanks for offering it to me. I didn't mean to slight any classes, especially yours. love yah!

Buffalo Bob Casale

335 Patton Court

Martinez, GA 30907

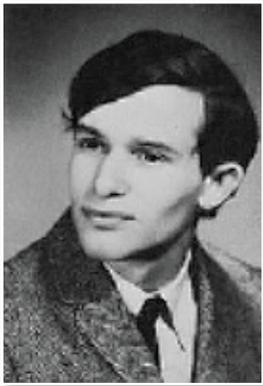
My 1971 is around someplace... Lemme see if I can find it

Thomas Ernst

Hi Bob,

I just purchased a 1971 yearbook for my brother who never purchased one his senior year. He had recently said he wished he had. I called the high school and they transferred me to Miss Gimme (pronounced Jimmy)...who went to the archives and was able to find one for me. I did pay \$100 and it definitely looks worn, but he is going to love it!! I am having my daughter, who is graduating high school in June present it to him at her graduation party. The high school may be able to loan you one for what you are looking to do. Hope this information helps. I have my high school yearbook next to my desktop for quick reference!!!

Mary Vanderlaske Dolan 1982



Buffalo Bob,

I have a 1969 year book. I'd be happy to send it to you if there is a way for you to get what you need and then send it back. I'd pay for postage both ways if that's a help to you.

Ron Landau 1969

Ron

Thanks so much for the offer. For me to scan the entire yearbook would be torture. The yearbooks I have that are referenced many times during the year I've cut to individual pages. That way, when I scan, the reproduction is really clear and neat. Trying to position a yearbook that is one piece makes for a chore that requires anchoring the book to the scanner with weights. I appreciate your offer and must decline. I need something I can take apart.

Thanks again

Buffalo Bob Casale

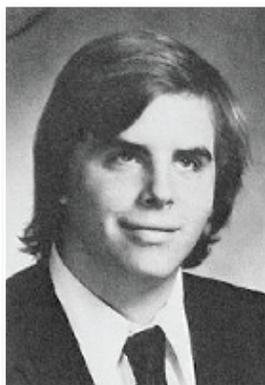


Hi Bob

The only one I have is the 1962 one and I wouldn't ever give that up!!! Hope all is well with you and your family.

Take care

**Barbara D. Dowd
1962 Florida**



Bob

I think I have a 1974 if interested?

Thomas Carman

Editor Note...I'm very interested.

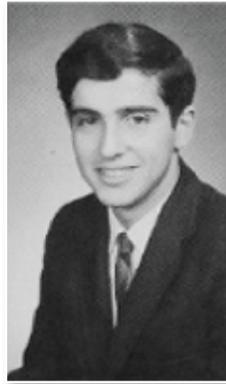
Please let me know. Thanks!

Buffalo Bob

YEARBOOKS ANYONE?



Bob,
Sorry, but you apparently
have the 1963 year book...
one should be enough. Does
the school library have a set?
You could copy it.
Bob Redmon, 1963



Buffalo Bob
I have 1968 and you are welcome to it, gratis.
Let me know where you would like it sent.
Mike Rozos 1968

*Mike,
Thanks so much. It will give me a wider
range of satisfying our former classmates.
Thanks again.
Buffalo Bob
Robert Casale
335 Patton Court
Martinez, GA 30907*



Peggy Moldovak class of 67 worked as a staff member at HHS for 40 years
and lives in or near Hix. I bet she could be granted permission to scan the
yearbooks.
Ken Marcus 1967

p.s. HHS has all the yearbooks. If someone makes an appointment and
brings a scanner likely they would accommodate.

*There are many yearbooks on Classmates but when downloading, the clarity is compromised because
the frames are too small. It's a shame that those same yearbooks are not installed at Ancestry.com
because the resolution is much larger and the downloaded pictures are pristine. Check it out
Buffalo Bob*

http://interactive.ancestry.com/1265/32564_B037734-00087/102700369?backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.com%2fcgi-bin%2fsse.dll%3fgst%3d-6&ssrc=&backlabel=ReturnSearchResults

Bob
There are copies at the Hicksville Library
and Hicksville High School if you ever go
back North.
Jim Rubins 1967

Bob
You know I'm your 1971 connection for scans.
Ginnie Becht Moore

*Editor note...thanks for the reminder...
I have you down as my 1971 savior*



Buffalo Bob
Sorry I can't help you out but I'm sure there are
some people who will. The generosity of the
Hicksville High School people is unending!!!
How wonderful of YOU to do this. What a guy!!!
Cheryl Proffe Davis 1962

Today, June 4th, is a special day.

Not my birthday! Not my Anniversary!! Not the birth of a child!!! It's the 54th anniversary of the *Nassau County Track & Field Championships* held at Great Neck South. What a magnificent facility. The day, however, was overcast and there was no wind. Their facilities always were pristine. Arrived early having been very nervous. This was one of the few times my family could be there en masse to see me compete. I was up against some premier talent from other school districts. Did some serious stretching prior to the trials that would be coming soon. Was very fortunate to make it past the trials for both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. I was in the finals. To make a long story short, I actually ran the two best races of my career. A freaky thing happened. The finish in both the 100 and 220 was identical:

The winner was Wilbur Brown from Hempstead.

Second was Alex Czencz from Herricks.

Third was John Morrison from Massapequa.

Fourth was Buffalo Bob Casale from Hicksville.

I had two personal bests...a 10 flat in the hundred and a 21.6 two twenty. This is a memory I will never forget. Qualifying for this high competition humbled me. Finishing well is a tribute to the coaches at Hicksville High whose training regimen gave me an advantage over many others.

Buffalo Bob Casale

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**This is the only time you
will see this phenomenon
in your life!**

August 2014 Calendar

August, in 2014, will have
5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and

5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years.

The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full'. So, send this message to your friends and in four days money will surprise you.

Based on Chinese Feng Shui.





We've Got Mail!



Dear Classmate

Your name is on the HixNews mailing list. However, missing is your graduating class information. Please advise.

Thanks

Buffalo Bob Casale

Hi Bob,

Jay Weber - Class of 1970

BTW, we readers appreciate all that you guys do! Thank YOU!



Hi Bob

I found some old elementary class pictures and I added the names of most of the students. Monday I plan on mailing them to you. I am far from computer skilled, so I am sending you all the originals. I also had a copy of the Sports night program, graduation program and a picture of our 25th reunion. I thought I had your address but somehow can't find it. If you would be so kind as to email me your address I will send everything Monday. Thanks.

Lorraine Ramos Sullivan

Hi Bob. Just curious, a week ago, on Monday May 5, I sent you pictures registered mail. I have yet to receive return receipt. Have you received the package? If you haven't let me know so I can trace the package. Thanks
Lorraine

Lorraine

Sorry I didn't send you confirmation. I scanned all and will save for the next presentation. They are great. The class pictures you sent were different from the ones I already have. The Sports Night and Graduation folders scanned very well. That short presentation I did that's on Reunion Preview, most of the pictures were scanned from the yearbook. What a difference when you scan original documents. I bought an Epson XP-410 for about 70 dollars and it's terrific...prints and scans. Haven't gotten good feedback regarding the request for pics.

I'll try again.

Love Yah Bob

Bob

Would you believe today I received the return receipt. Go figure!!

Glad to hear the pix were helpful. Again you are the best!!! The work you do for HixNews is so much appreciated.

Love Lorraine

HixNews

I just read the news letter. I'm very sorry to hear of passing of friends. May they rest in peace.

Phil Hearon 1964

