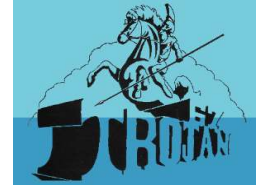


Ribault Senior High School
Jacksonville, Florida

Class of 1967



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.” *A quote from Lucy Maud Montgomery, Ann of Green Gables.*

Is there a better month??? Hope everyone is enjoying the crisp mornings and cool evenings, the spectacular colors, the smell of burning leaves, warm sweaters, possibly a fireplace, definitely a fire pit and the college football season back in full swing. Whoa Dawgs fans, that was a close one yesterday for Georgia with Auburn.

REPORT FROM OUR WEBMASTER

I am on “pause.” This is due to decisions currently being made by the Reunion Committee in connection with the next upcoming event, which will be our 75th birthday celebration tentatively set for September 28, 2024. The next regular meeting of the Reunion Committee is scheduled for October 14, 2023. If an upgrade of the website is fully approved, it could include, among other things, online registration and payment for future events. Until then the website will remain the same.

Thank you for your patience.

Debbie Gandy McBride
Webmaster
www.ribault67.com

ONLINE PAYMENTS

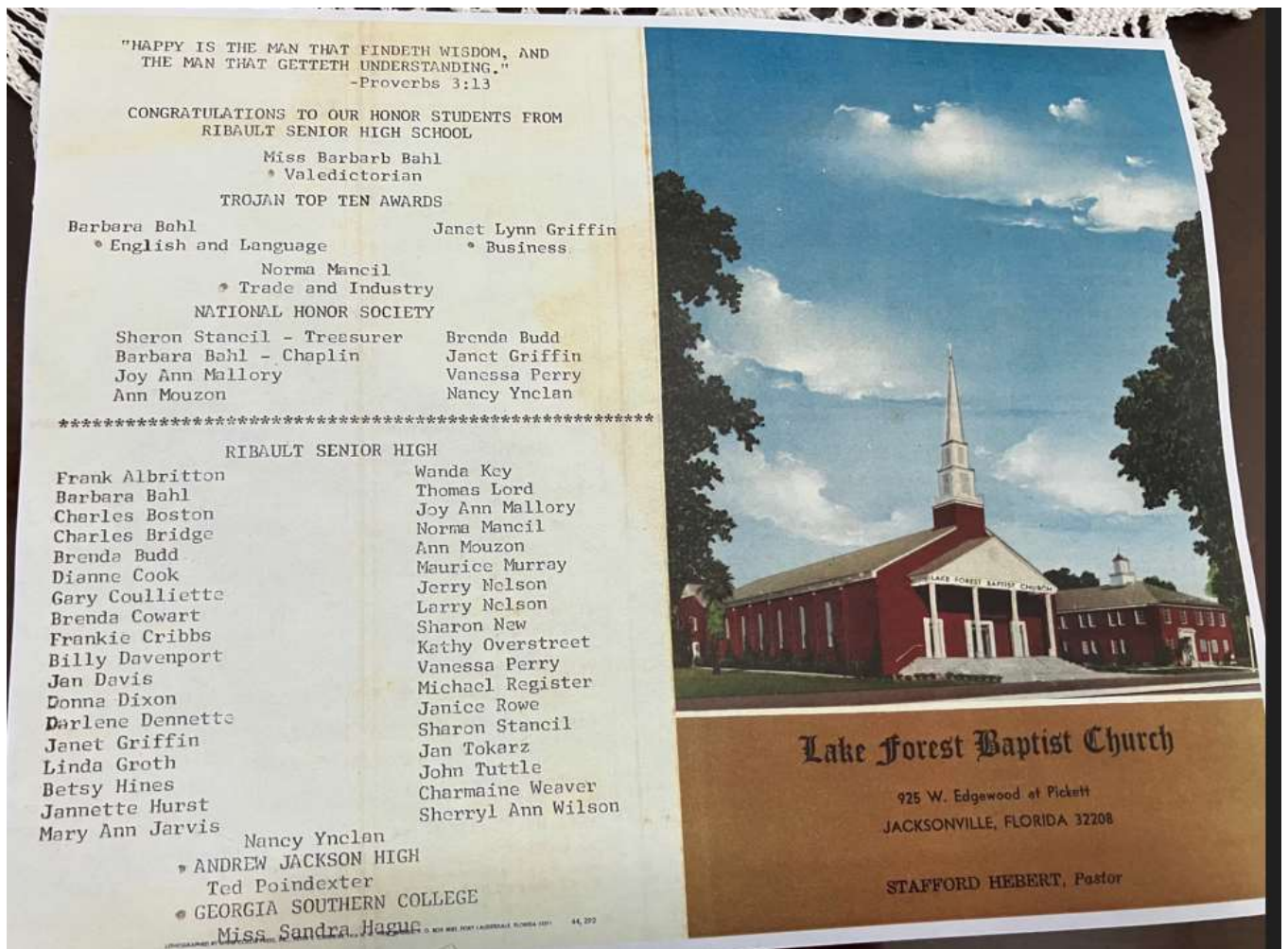
Would you be comfortable making an online payment for a class event? Please send me your response by email.

abmabry49@gmail.com

LAKE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

From Jerry Nelson

Look what I found! This is a 1967 church bulletin from the Lake Forest Baptist Church where **40** Ribault graduation students attended church. WOW!!!



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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS . . .

Kile Tomlinson had the terrific idea of asking all of us where we live—just city and state. His thought was we might find we live close to one of our classmates and not even know it. Years ago, Kile ran into Sam Jones in of all places—Alaska.

Here are the classmates who I either heard from or I knew their city and state:

| CLASSMATE | CITY | STATE |
|--|---|--------------|
| 1. Alan Jones | Flagler Beach | Florida |
| 2. Alice Bartlett Mabry | Atlanta (Sandy Springs) | Georgia |
| 3. Alice Faye Curry Gray | Yulee | Florida |
| 4. Ann Long Webb | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 5. Ann Smith Nowlin | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 6. Babs Moley | Merritt Island | Florida |
| 7. Barbara Russell Bailey | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 8. Barry Lane | St. Johns | Florida |
| 9. Betsy Parks Trimble | Dickinson | Texas |
| 10. Beverly Coyner Hadley | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 11. Bobby Friend | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 12. Bonnie Kelley Jennings | Gulf Breeze | Florida |
| 13. Brenda Budd Russell | Middleburg | Florida |
| 14. Brenda Cowart Driggers | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 15. Brenda Tyrell Richards | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 16. Buddy Campbell | Mayo | Florida |
| 17. Cathy Copps Hillis | Callahan | Florida |
| 18. Cynthia (Cindy) McElhaney Barrow | Hatboro | Pennsylvania |
| 19. Dan Peyton | Melrose (near Keystone Heights) | Florida |
| 20. Darlene Dennette | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 21. David Byrd | Carrollton (34 years and counting) | Texas |
| 22. David Scroggins | Many years in Las Vegas but live in Lake Havasu City now. | Arizona |
| 23. Dawn Harmon McCord | Carrollton | Georgia |
| 24. Debbie Gandy McBride | Nassau County | Florida |
| 25. Dianne Cook Scarboro | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 26. Don Wimberley | Tarpon Springs | Florida |
| 27. Doug Trantham | Callahan | Florida |
| 28. Eddie Dedmon | Callahan | Florida |
| 29. Elisabeth (Liz) North Nightingale | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 30. Frances Stewart Hanson-Grow | Pensacola Beach | Florida |

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| 31. Gary Coulliette | Jacksonville (Del Webb) | Florida |
| 32. George Diaz | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 33. Hal Greenman | Newport News | Virginia |
| 34. Helen Barnes Lane | St. Johns | Florida |
| 35. Helen Glover Keene | Clearwater | Florida |
| 36. Howard Rodgers | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 37. JW Keene | Clearwater | Florida |
| 38. Jack Kelly | Crossville | Tennessee |
| 39. Jan Tokarz Redden | Jacksonville Beach | Florida |
| 40. Janet Griffin Bradley | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 41. Janie Bryan Hathcock | Middleburg | Florida |
| 42. Jeri Brooker Carroll | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 43. Jerry Nelson | Biloxi (one block from Larry) | Mississippi |
| 44. John Hasbrouck | Fort Mill | South Carolina |
| 45. John McCabe | Trinity | Alabama (northern and west side of state) |
| 46. John Powers | Dallas | Georgia |
| 47. Judy Baucom Hunter | The Villages | Florida |
| 48. Judy Haar Sontag | Dowington | Pennsylvania |
| 49. Kay Dees McGee | Fernandina Beach | Florida |
| 50. Ken Morefield | Tallahassee | Florida |
| 51. Ken Sellers | Ponte Vedra | Florida |
| 52. Kile Tomlinson | Lake Forest | California |
| 53. Lance Hall | Lewisville | North Carolina |
| 54. Larry Nelson | Biloxi (one block from Jerry) | Mississippi |
| 55. Larry Simpson | Tallahassee | Florida |
| 56. Larry Waters | Ogden | Utah |
| 57. Leo Smith | Mountain City | Georgia |
| 58. Linda Drury Drewery | Warner Robins | Georgia |
| 59. Linda Jordan Greene | Hilliard | Florida |
| 60. Linda Parker Dixon | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 61. Linda Raines Harrell Nelson | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 62. Linda Sheffield Shepherd | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 63. Linda Vaughan Simpson | Tallahassee | Florida |
| 64. Mary Ann Meares Crumley | Jacksonville (Mandarin) | Florida |
| 65. Mary L. Cean Hout | Londonderry | New Hampshire |
| 66. Mary Musselwhite | Lithia | Florida |
| 67. Mike Key | Whitehouse | Florida |
| 68. Mike Suggs | Summerville | South Carolina |

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| 69. Nancy Pace Ford | Jacksonville Beach | Florida |
| 70. Neal Jennings | Gulf Breeze | Florida |
| 71. Pat Knezevich | Jacksonville (Oceanway) | Florida |
| 72. Ray Godbee | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 73. Rick Jones | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 74. Ron Baker | Palm Coast (close to Marineland) | Florida |
| 75. Rudy Murray | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 76. Sharon Lane | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 77. Sherryl Wilson McDowell | Neptune Beach | Florida |
| 78. Steve Nelson | Lake Mary | Florida |
| 79. Steve Waters | Savannah | Georgia |
| 80. Susan Crause Spalding | Henderson | Nevada |
| 81. Susan Garcia Tomlinson | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 82. Terry Gentry Morefield | Tallahassee | Florida |
| 83. Tim Delrose | Bostwick | Florida |
| 84. Vanesa Perry Bowden | Jacksonville (Mandarin) | Florida |
| 85. Wayne Sarrells | Spartanburg | South Carolina |
| 86. Wayne Williams | Jacksonville | Florida |
| 87. William Gilsdorf | Asheville | North Carolina |

MESSAGE FROM MARY L. CEAN HOUT



I live in Londonderry, New Hampshire about 45 miles north of Boston, Massachusetts. I came to New Hampshire when I was 21 and have lived here ever since--except for winter homes in Arizona and Florida. I was widowed at 40 and met my current husband through a friend of ours. We have been married for 26 years. We have three daughters and three grandchildren.

I have been fortunate enough to travel the world these last 34 years. Our family has taken family vacations for 27 years every July. This summer's trip was to South Lake Tahoe on the California/Nevada border. Best trip ever according to the kids! Even surpassed Italy. It is a beautiful part of the country with snow on the mountains and 80s on the Lake.

I have not run into any classmates on all my travels.

My life has been full of love and happiness.

Mary Cean Huot
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Picture of the whole Hout family on vacation this summer in Lake Tahoe.

MESSAGE FROM JUDY HAAR SONTAG



I'm about 45 minutes from Philly in the western suburbs. I moved here 10 years ago to be with my younger grandchildren who were ages three, seven and eight. They are now teenagers. Jonas, the eldest, is a freshman at the University of Tennessee. Time has flown by. I have seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I am still working from home as a Travel Consultant for Elite Travel located in Palm Harbor, Florida. This is my 23rd year with them booking vacations for individuals and groups all over the world. I'll retire when I win the Lottery. LOL 😊

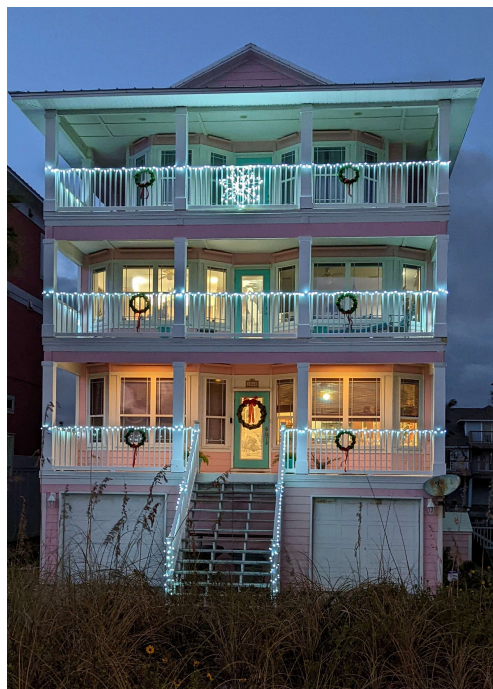
All My Best,
Judy
judysontag@bellsouth.net

MESSAGE FROM FRANCES STEWART HANSON-GROW

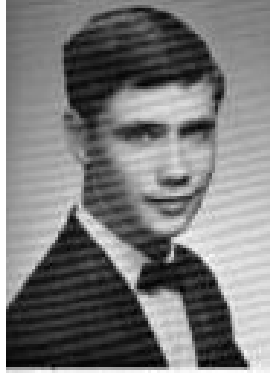


I've lived longer in this house in Pensacola, Florida (29 years) than any other in my life. As a State Licensed Residential Contractor, I built our home well beyond the required codes of the time. We've withstood multiple hurricanes, including two total island wash overs, and could pass today's building codes if our pilings were just a foot taller. 😊

Frances
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MESSAGE FROM RON BAKER



I live in Palm Coast, Florida, close to Marineland. I have been retired since 2009 and I am loving it. I have six grandkids. One is working at Walmart, one graduated from FSU, two are juniors at FSU, one just graduated from the University of Central Florida with a master's degree and my youngest one is in the sixth grade.

I was sorry to hear about them tearing down the old Ribault High School and building a new one. My dad went to Kirby Smith and it's still standing.

I've been married to Cheri Taylor, my beautiful wife, for 52 years. She graduated from Fletcher Academy in North Carolina.

Ron Baker
Class of 1967
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MESSAGE FROM TIM DELROSE



We built a home in 2018 on the St. Johns river in Bostwick, Florida, known for its annual Blueberry Festival. It's a small community located halfway between Green Cove Springs and Palatka, Florida for those familiar with northeast Florida.

This is our retirement dream home and it's great to wake up to the view of the river every day.

Picture 1—entry gate

Picture 2—front view of yard and house

Picture 3—view to river from the lanai

Picture 4—sunrise over the St. Johns

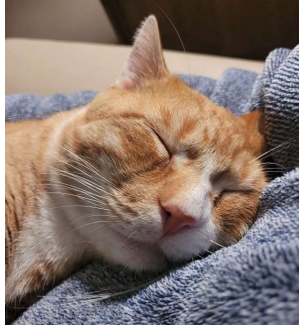


Even though we are about 15 to 30 minutes away from most everything, the peace and quiet, views and small community make up for it. Always nice to come home. And plenty to do in retirement, even if it's yard work.

Here's something I just thought of that might be of interest to your readers. What if we send a funny picture of a pet or pets and/or a little story about them? You know they say sometimes owners are reflected in the pets they have. Maybe you could include it in the next newsletter.

I'll start. Here is Tanner our male tabby. He is six years old, weighs about 17 lbs. and we adopted him from the Clay County Humane facility. He is the most laid back, gentle, inquisitive pet/family member.

Tim
tdelrose@gmail.com



MESSAGE FROM DAN PEYTON



Alice, a while back I think you asked what some of us do in retirement . . . so, for whatever it's worth, I live in the country on three acres. I'm a beekeeper, gardener, fruit tree grower (citrus, plums, Fuyu persimmons, pears), and have a few chickens. From the peppers I grow, I make several styles of hot sauce. I also restore antique trunks, have restored a couple of boats, piddle with small engines and fix whatever breaks. I'm a FEMA disaster housing inspector (although I'm pretty burned out on that one) and still play music. Other than that, I'm pretty lazy.

Note from Alice: For those who attended our 55th Class Reunion, you were lucky enough to see live and in person **The Peyton Brothers**. They literally gave us a "gift" of their time, presence and talent. Their performance was certainly the highlight of the evening. Thank you again, Dan, John and Mike. We missed you, Lee.

Dan
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRECIOUS MOTHERS

From Lance Hall

Just wanted everyone to know that we will soon be celebrating Mom's 93rd birthday on October 2.

This occasion is especially notable because a few weeks ago Mom successfully got her Driver's License renewed for five years. It's been a long time since I've seen her so thrilled.

Also, in late March, she fell and broke three ribs. It took a long time, but she is much better now.

Alice, I hope you have a happy birthday too.

Sincerely.....Lance
lancerhall@aol.com

[Lance's mom and I share the same birthday.]

From Debbie Gandy McBride

My mom was born Margie Pylant in 1929. She was born in Atlanta. Her family later moved to the Jacksonville area. Like all our parents, it was the start of the Great Depression. She is one of seven children raised mostly by her mother. Their father left them at a young age. His name was "Mud" (in my eyes).

Mom attended Jackson High School. She was a Pepperette. She is still one. She married my father, Edward Gandy, at 17. I was the first born when she was 20. I have two living brothers, Paul and Scott.

My mom turned 94 on September 12, 2023. She has two living siblings. A sister, 95, and a brother, 90. She is still active despite some medical issues that occasionally have set her back. I live with her as her caregiver and companion.

Despite her zeal, we decided to opt out of driving because of some medical issues. I have not heard the last of it weekly.

To all of you who still may have your mother or they have passed, you were given the blessing of life through them. They may not have been perfect, but neither are we. Be blessed in this life.

Psalms 139:13-14

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

I still today look at her small stature (4'11") in wonder. How grateful I am to be her daughter.

Debbie
dktalker@yahoo.com



Happy Birthday To You!
Happy Birthday To You!
Happy Birthday, Dear Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Gandy!
Happy Birthday To You!



IF I HAD IT TO DO OVER, I WOULD HAVE . . .

By Gary Coulliette

Near the end of our junior year, a group decided to put an alligator in the senior walkway fountain. It was a well-planned event. The zoo was the target. Some went by boat. Some went by car. We set our watches to time the event. I believe Frank Albritton was driving and I was in the car with him, but totally innocent. LOL! Might have been another car as well. Several strings of firecrackers were lit at the entrance to the zoo. At the same time

the “Trojan marine unit” made landfall and headed to the low wall around the alligator pit. I believe Ricky Wheeler was in that group. They grabbed an alligator and hauled it to the boat somehow without getting fingers bitten off. It turned out the gator only had three legs. It was placed in the fountain, and all swore an oath of silence. The gator caused quite a bit of excitement the next morning. Funny, but I heard the zoo initially didn’t want it back. They didn’t think it was theirs until they heard it only had three legs. Some of our classmates may remember the details a little differently than I do.

If I had it to do over, I would have done it all over again. LOL!

Gary
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Another By Gary Coulliette

This event was just two weeks before graduation. Frank Albritton, Glenn Broadstreet and I and another senior were just killing time. We rode by the school and decided it would be fun to turn over the portable toilet in front of the school. Frank said, “no” he wasn’t going to do it. I and the other senior got out and ran to the portable toilet and tipped it over. We thought—**GREAT STUFF!** We didn’t see the police car sitting in the dark shadows in front of the library. The policeman came roaring across the bus ramp with blue lights flashing and siren blaring. I said, “Holy Crap.” Glenn, who worked in the dean’s office, slid out of the car and took off.

The policeman came to my house around midnight and to the other guy’s house as well. I was more scared about waking up my father than what would happen to us. Long story short, on Monday we were called in the dean’s office. There stood Glenn, who could have thrown the note from the police away. . . but he didn’t. Mr. Brown told us that one more event and we wouldn’t walk with our class. We had to stand the portable toilet up and wash it out and we were on garden club the rest of the day. Frank got off with no punishment even though he drove the getaway car. I behaved the last two weeks of school.

BTW, shortly after that, I asked an underclassmate out and guess who opened the front door??? **THAT POLICE OFFICER!!!** He didn’t say anything, and I was very polite!

If I had it to do over, I would have listened to Frank.

Note: We lost our classmate Frank Albritton on November 13, 2015 after battling throat cancer with amazing courage and faith for many years. Frank was truly blessed to have been married 45 years to his wife Gail (Rhoden ‘68). Frank and Gail had four sons and several precious grandchildren. Frank once said that they considered their boys’ wives their daughters not their daughters-in-law.

Gary
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Below is a tribute from Gary to his best friend:

I wrote this song as a tribute to my best bud ever. It's been about a year since Frank left us [November 13, 2015]. It took a while to write, and I struggled with the melody and musical rhythm. After talking to Miss Gail a few weeks ago, I decided to practice the guitar. I didn't go to this song at first but towards the end of my session took it out and decided to work on it. It all came together in just a few minutes. I feel it was divinely sent or either Frank was standing over my shoulder. I'm no great musician but I think this is the best song I've written and heartfelt. Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/xzGsUdqNmOM>

MY VERY BEST FRIEND

He was my very best friend
Grew up next to him
From tree hut forts and sand lot sports
We did it all back then

We were heading to the beach in his dad's old jeep
We were surfing stars way back then
We had Saturday nights under Main Street lights
Just cruising around
We did it all back then

He had a faaast car, we were living large
Cruising Main Street right on a Saturday night
We did it all back then

Beach Boys great on the eight-track tape
Yelling out Barbara Ann
Yeah the Road Runner's green, just a racing machine
We did it all back then

We had a very great life on those summer nights
He was my very best friend
We did it all back then

Having fun all right on weekend nights
We were staying out late on double dates
Singing in the band and life was grand
We did it all back then

Yeah we raised some hell, but it worked out well
He was my very best friend
We did it all back then

He had a great life
Four boys and a wife
He loved Jesus too, he was so true
The Word he really knew
He was my very best friend

If you knew him you'd know
He loved Jesus so
He was bathed in the blood from up above
He was my very best friend

He gave big bear hugs and lots of love
To all that he knew, he was so true
He was my very best friend, he was my very best friend

God Bless You, Friend!

EMAIL SPOOFING

Spoofing continues to be an issue with some of our classmates' email accounts. There is nothing that can be done about it. Please just be very careful when clicking on any link you are not 100 percent sure about. Valid email addresses can be found on the Website. **DO NOT** respond to an email in question.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the family of **Becky Day Laughlin**. Becky passed away on February 12, 2023. Below is an email message received from Becky's husband on August 6, 2023:

This is Ben Laughlin. I am Becky's husband of over 54 years. Becky passed away February 12, 2023 as the result of brain cancer. It was Glioblastoma. She got sick last October and 3.5 months later she passed away, having spent most of that time at Emory Hospital in Atlanta.

We did not see this coming. Now she is gone on to eternity in heaven with God and Jesus. She is OK! However, I am completely lost. Please let your classmates know. We live in Jasper Georgia, a small mountain town about one hour north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Take care and God bless!

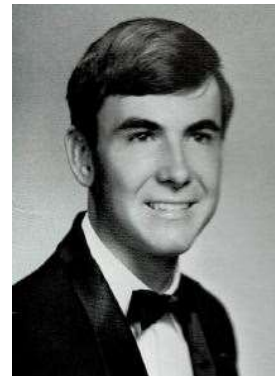
Ben Laughlin
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<https://www.roperfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Rebecca-D-Laughlin?obId=27259925>
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For the family of **Mike Register**. Mike passed away suddenly on July 8, 2023. Please remember Lucinda and their family in your prayers.

<https://southernillinoisnow.com/2022/07/15/156283/mikeregister@mac.com>



For the family of **Kay Dees McGee**. Kay lost her sister Gale Dees Paschal on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Gale was a Ribault graduate of the Class of 64.

<https://www.legacy.com/.../name/gale-paschal-obituary>
kaysunb@aol.com

For the family of **Janet Griffin Bradley**. Below is the email received from Janet on September 8, 2023:

It is with great sadness that I share with you that my brother, Chuck Griffin, passed away from complications from a long illness on September 7, 2023. Chuck suffered a stroke 14 years ago and was never fully able to overcome all the devastating consequences. He fought a long hard battle but is finally at rest. We will miss him terribly. ❤️❤️❤️

A celebration of life will be held for Chuck on Saturday, October 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the FOP Lodge, 5530 Beach Blvd. Lunch will be served following the service.

janetgriffinbradley@icloud.com

Continued prayers for **JW Keene** and **Helen Glover Keene** on their very difficult journey with JW's health.

hgkeene@verizon.net

For **Buddy Campbell** who lives in Mayo, Florida, located in the upper part of Lafayette County (part of "Florida's Big Bend" region). Mayo suffered severe damage from Hurricane Idalia.

rjc021@email.com

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

There is no way we can know about every illness or death or when your email address changes unless you let us know. We promise if you will let us know, we will do our part to keep you well informed.

If you are not already on our "Ribault High School "67" FB Friends" page, please join us. This is our most direct form of communication. We have rules that keep our page fun and safe. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/336958183371434/>

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