

Ribault Senior High School
Jacksonville, Florida

Class of 1967



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



So pleased to report that some great things have been going on behind the scenes since the January 2022 newsletter. The Reunion Committee has nailed down pretty much our 55th Reunion plans and our website has been revitalized thanks to Debbie Gandy McBride.

55th REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SHARON LANE, CHAIR

IT'S A COMING TOGETHER KIND OF THING

Our 55th Class of '67 Reunion is just six months away. Sure hope you will be making plans to come together with lifelong friends and share a memory or two, catch up on the news and enjoy a laugh as we reminisce with each other. The Reunion Committee has been hard at work putting together the weekend and it will not be complete without **YOU!!!** It will not be complete without those you would really like to see. Plan to come and bring another classmate along with you for the ride. Make our reunion an "each one bring one" affair.

October 14, 15 and 16, 2022

SpringHill Suites Amelia Island
2700-2 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

The hotel is across the street from the beach.

Room Cost:

- 2 Queen or King \$129
- Balcony \$149
- Ocean View \$169
- Pet Friendly \$100 deposit

Hotel room reservations can be made directly with the hotel by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1647003695293&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Reunion Registration Cost:

- \$80 per person for the weekend
- \$60 per person for Saturday night dinner only

Registration Form found at www.ribault67.com

AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday	Registration Hospitality Room open Display of talents and hobbies Photo Booth Cocktail Party by the pool
Saturday	Visiting with each other Hospitality Room open Display of talents and hobbies Photo Booth Other area activities of choice
Saturday Night	Dinner, dancing and entertainment
Sunday	No official planned activities though in the past we have met with others for breakfast and goodbyes.

THINGS TO KNOW

1. Many of you have seen **David Byrd**'s incredible artwork on Facebook or in the newsletters. David will be displaying some of his works at the Reunion. **Ken Sellers** says he is looking forward to the 55th and sharing life's adventures and stories from his book *Young Love*. **Dawn Harmon McCord** has promised a Senior Chorus spotlight is in the works. The **Peyton Brothers, Dan, John and Michael**, will be performing Saturday night. How many other artists, authors, singers, poets or entertainers do we have out there? Please share your talents with us. Maybe your hobby is woodworking, floral arranging, needlepointing, quilting, winemaking, baking, glass blowing, whatever. Bring it on! Please contact Sharon Lane if you would like to perform or have something you would like to display. In addition to contacting

Sharon, please complete the section on talent sharing on the Registration Form. Guslane35@gmail.com

2. Nancy Pace Ford and hubby Bruce have graciously donated a week at their mountain home for us to auction off as a fundraiser. Their four-bedroom home is located in western North Carolina in the Smokey Mountains, near the cities of Sylva and Waynesville. The bidding will begin September 1, 2022 and details of how to bid will be provided as we get closer to that date. The minimum bid will be \$500. Bidding will continue at the Reunion and the winning bid will be announced at our Saturday night gathering on October 15. I will tell you that I have been to their place and it is wonderful. Better get those family plans together and jump on this vacation steal. It's a real bargain!!!



3. We are selling ads on our website and for inclusion in our reunion registration packet. A business card size ad will be \$10 per month. The ad can be business related or of a more personal nature. How about you sending a challenge to a fellow classmate to attend the reunion and/or to share their talent at the reunion. Or, you might want to send a personal message like a birthday wish or congrats to someone. We can provide a flyer outlining the process to share with a business that might want to support the class by taking out an ad.
4. At the reunion we will have a silent auction of baskets and other items donated by members of the Reunion Committee. If you would like to make a basket for auction, we would love that.

Want to mention that we fundraise in order to replenish our class general fund and to help offset the cost of our events. Your support is most appreciated.

HOPE YOUR INTEREST IS PIQUED!!!

Lots of exciting things abound. Please mark your calendar for the big **55th** and let me know if you have questions or ideas or suggestions. Love to hear from you.

Guslane35@gmail.com

CLASS WEBSITE

Will you just take a look at www.ribault67.com. Debbie kindly offered to revitalize our website. She has years of experience with websites and, most importantly, the passion and commitment needed.

On our website is a current list of the classmates we have email addresses for. Please use this list to reach out to classmates to send them a special invite from you to the reunion.

CLASS FACEBOOK PAGE

Thank you, Darlene Church Friend and Terry Gentry Morefield, for providing our Ribault Group Facebook page. You can find it at [Ribault High School FB Friends](#). You will also find a FB link on our website.

VETERAN UPDATE

Mike Key served in the United States Navy from 1969 to 1971. Part of the time Mike was aboard the USS Hancock CVA-19. He was a ABF (fuel) flight deck gas jockey. He did some reserve time at NAS. Mike says "he will stand up proudly for any and all who have served before him and all who are serving now." Mike is a member of the Reunion Committee and a Class Sweetheart. He married in 1970 Sharon Willard Key from the Class of '70. **THANK YOU, MIKE, FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

Eddie Dedmon served in the United States Navy from right out of high school in 1967 to December 29, 1969. Eddie said he chose the Navy because he had a low draft number, the Navy was his family's tradition and he did not want to be on the ground. It was as simple as that! Eddie is also a member of the Reunion Committee and a Class Sweetheart. Eddie was married to classmate Brenda Hannah whom we lost in 2007. **THANK YOU, EDDIE, FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

THE BIG RED HEART UPDATE

Never wanted to ever leave anyone out of this distinguished group, but it appears some have been. The most recent additions are:

Mike Key & Sharon Willard Key ('70)
Chip & Linda Groth Pallman
David Scroggins & Jeannie Hartly Scroggins ('70)
Eddie Dedmon & Brenda Hannah Dedmon

It is amazing just how many folks we had in our class that married either someone in our class or someone that went to Ribault ("Class Sweetheart"). I have not listed any Class Sweethearts that were once married and since divorced.



Barry Lane & Helen Barnes Lane
Bobby Friend & Darlene Church Friend
Butch James & Debbie Cunningham James ('68)
Carolyn Allen Heatwole & Charles Heatwole ('66)
Cathy Ramback Gissendaner & Angus Gissendander
Charles Porter & Wanda Wood Porter ('71)
Chip Pallman & Linda Groth Pallman
Cynthia McElhanev Barrow & Bill Barrow ('65)
David Scroggins & Jeannie Hartly Scroggins ('70)
Don Murff & Vicki Anderson Murff
Donald Kelley & Kathy Yates Kelley ('69)
Doug Webb & Ann Long Webb
Eddie Dedmon & Brenda Hannah Dedmon
Ellen Outlaw Cannon & Philip Cannon ('66)
Emery Clance & Jean Emerson Clance ('68)

Frank Albritton & Gail Rhoden Albritton ('68)
JW Keene & Helen Glover Keene
Karl Holliman & Melissa Thompson Holliman ('70)
Kay Dees McGee & Ray McGee ('64)
Ken Morefield & Terry Gentry Morefield
Larry Simpson & Linda Vaughn Simpson
Leo Smith & Sarah Weber Smith ('69)
Linda Hall Wells & Benny Wells ('62)
Merle Courson Hurst & Billy Hurst ('65)
Mike Key & Sharon Willard Key ('70)
Morris Spence & Gail Smoak Spence ('69)
Neal Jennings & Bonnie Kelley Jennings
Pat Knezevich & Carrie Reid Knezevich ('71)
Sharon Dewberry Lord & Rocky Lord ('68)
Wayne Williams & Debbie Christopher Williams ('68)

REUNION COMMITTEE

In connection with our forthcoming 55th class reunion, the Reunion Committee members want to extend to you their own personal invitation:



Beverly Coyner Hadley

Fellow Trojans, don't miss the reunion in October where we can reconnect and reminisce over the good ole days.



Cathy Copps Hillis

Memories, memories, so many great memories with the Class of 67!!! Join me at our reunion to share them!



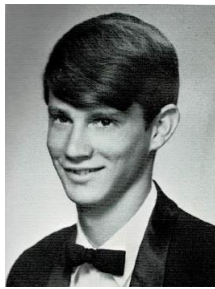
Darlene Church Friend
Secretary

The reunion is for seeing long-time friends and making new ones. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



Debbie Gandy McBride
Webmaster

We have been on a journey together since the day we graduated. There is a warm place in our hearts for each other, or that special best friend. I would like to invite everyone to our 55th reunion to support each other in our continued journey and to honor those who left us too soon. It will be good to see you.



Eddie Dedmon

My friends and classmates of Ribault 67, looking forward to seeing you at THE REUNION!



LaTrelle Lee Le Fevre

Thinking of all the great times we had. You know who you are! Don't miss out on more great times at our 55th.



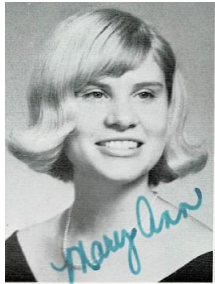
Laura Munns Barnhart

Be there or be square!



Linda Jordan Greene

The best antiques are old friends! Your smile warms our hearts! Bring yours and join us for our 55th!



Mary Ann Meares Crumley

We are the Trojans but we need you to make it complete.



On your mark; get set; GO and get your reservations in for the 55th Ribault Class of 67 reunion!!!



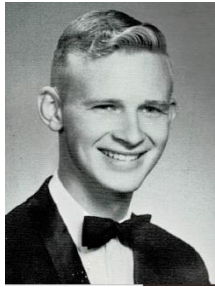
Mike Key

I remember our times together at Ribault and how close we were as a class. I am sad that you may not be at our 55th high school reunion. Please come!

The 60s decade is GOLD!!!



Nancy Pace Ford
Treasurer



Pat Knezevich

Come on, time to catch up with old friends.
Been too long!



Ray Godbee

I'm there!



Rick Jones
Vice Chair

Let's all show up at the Reunion while we are
still young. Come on now!!! 🕶️ C U there.



Sharon Lane
Chair

It's gonna be a rip roarin', super duper,
classmate-talent sharing walk down memory
lane and we need YOU to join in the fun!!!

MISSING EMAIL ADDRESSES

Below is a list of class members who no longer have a viable email address. Please reach out to anyone on this list you are in touch with and ask them if they would like to be included on our master list. If so please send me their email address.

Ann Turner Cannon	James Gibson
Bob Pruitt	Janice Belflower Lafear
Carol Doyle Dunn	John McCabe
Charmaine Weaver Ward	Kathleen Houde Childers
Chuck Pickering	Kathy Stewart Britt
Duane Wilson	Phillip Floyd
Esther Selph Stone	Phillip Givens
Eva Cooner Shaw	Ronnie Morrell
Evelyn Dausy Grosklaus	Sherion Ann Jackson Graham
Gary Smith	Vicki Rozier Sayer
Hal Shaw	

PRAYERS

For **Marion Nowlin**, husband of classmate **Ann Smith Nowlin**

We are progressing as well as we can. Slow going. VA has been a blessing with help coming to the house and furnishing whatever equipment we needed. Being here and sitting on our back porch has been a huge help. We get out some but mostly still catching up. Thanks for the prayers and well wishes. One day at a time!

[From Alice] For those who may not remember, Marion suffered last November a heart episode that caused four broken ribs and sternum in the process of resuscitating him. That was followed by a severe infection and then open heart surgery to repair a valve damaged from the infection. Once a Marine, always a Marine!!!

ann.nowlin@yahoo.com



For Darlene Church Friend.

I'm positive for cancer again and waiting to see if I'm a candidate for immunotherapy instead of chemo. Also came out of retirement in mid-February and returned to FSCJ. I will be receiving my 5 year pin and acknowledged for 5 years of volunteering at UFHealth (formerly University Hospital). I may have retired but still kept busy. Volunteering was so rewarding.

Darlene: dfriend708@aol.com

Bobby: peace2go@aol.com



For **LaTrelle Lee Le Fevre**.

I'm in my 3rd year of chemo and the plan is to continue through the end of this year. Latest appointment was "business as usual." Labs were acceptable and chemo was long. I'm allergic to my chemo and there are times when I have a reaction—but last one was not one of those times—so far. I am so very blessed—no complaints. Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for our class members who are experiencing health issues, whether for them or a family member. You have no idea how much that means. Thank You

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For **Beverly Coyner Hadley**

In Beverly's words, "it's been like a hurricane, tornado and earthquake all together." Beverly lost her brother, Lawrence (Buck) Coyner (Class of '63), to Covid. Buck had been in a memory care facility and Beverly was in charge of all his care and business up until his death. Her sister, Janet Coyner Williams (Class of '59), has been very ill for over a year. Up until this, her 80-year old sister had never had surgery or been hospitalized. Beverly spends a lot of her time taking her sister to doctor appointments and looking after her when she has had to be hospitalized. On top of all of that, a drunk driver ran through her sister's condo living room causing major damage. That was two months ago and the condo has still not been repaired waiting on insurance. Beverly says God has certainly blessed her and given her the strength to deal with all these issues and that prayers are always appreciated.


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For **Gary Coulliette**. As you will remember, Gary's lost his beloved wife, Gwen, this past Christmas Eve. Gwen was the love of Gary's life and vice versa. They were married over 50 years. Gary needs our prayers as he continues to mourn her loss.

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As we “spring”  into the second quarter of this year, please think seriously about coming to our 55th class reunion in October. With headliners like the Peyton Brothers (minus one) and members of our Senior Chorus performing, you have to come. Don’t miss this opportunity to get together in a great location to just relax and have fun on a fall weekend with dear friends from so long ago.