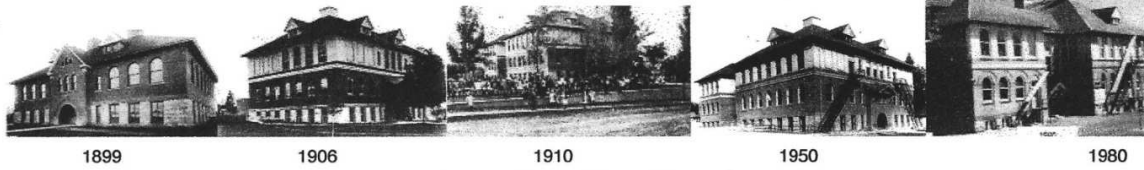


## Grant Grade School



### ALUMNI NEWS

*Summer Picnic in Grant Park, Saturday, July 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

**at end of Cul-de-sac off Perry on 10th under the big walnut tree**

From Georgene Harber Leap, '59: Looks like you're meeting under "my" walnut tree. I can't begin to tell you the number of times I watched my father pick up walnuts, put them in a canvas bag and then my memory gets foggy..... I think the outer layer had to dry before it could be removed, the next layer almost required a hammer to break open to get to the "meat" of the walnut. I don't remember eating very many.... to this day, I have a slight allergy to them so I prefer pecans... but the walnut tree will never be erased from my memory! Wish I could be there but-- maybe next year!

### 1968 Class



1<sup>st</sup> grade 1961, Class of 1968

Front Row: Teresa Rite , ? , Becky , Zona Powell (or Howell), Nichola , ? , Suzy , Kathy .  
 Row 2: Billy Stout, Steven , Alison , Jenell , Jeannie , Freddie , ? .  
 Back Row: Jerry , Charles Johnson, Robert , Larry , Jeff Aylor, Rikky , Kevin .

The picture on the previous page is a picture of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade class in 1961. This is the first class picture we have received for many years and the first one for the class of 1968. Nikky Bouras, who gave us this picture, only remembered first names for most of her classmates as that was the only year she attended Grant. Can you help us with last names? Let Jim Nyborg know.

### **A NEW BOOK OF PICTURES**

This past April, Bob Hoagland, Class of 1951, took his camera and took several pictures in the Perry Street area.

1. East side of Perry Avenue from 11<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Streets.
2. West side of Perry Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Streets.
3. Current Grant School site.
4. Grant playground—beside current school.
5. Grant Park.

This new book of pictures will be at the picnic today and will be at each luncheon that we have. In case anyone wants to add any pictures to this book, just let Jim know.

Our first book of pictures that we had—from 2000 to 2017—is now at the Archives of the MAC (museum) in Spokane. If you ever want to look back on these pictures, you can call Anna at the Archives, and set a time with her when you can view the book. This is a part of our Grant School history. Remember also our website that has over 300 class pictures. You can view them on our website [www.grantschoolspokane.org](http://www.grantschoolspokane.org).

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### **Corrections for you to make on your 53-page list of Grant students:**

Last fall at our October luncheon, Jim gave a new up-to-date 53 page list of students of Grant, and said that in 2018, every time we are gathered together, he will provide a list of changes so you could make the changes on your copy. If you did not get an up-to-date list then, ask Jim for one at the picnic. He has a few copies. We are trying to keep all the changes up-to-date.

1935 – Delete Marjorie Roll's address, phone number and e-mail as she has died.

1937 June – Gloria Olsen Krebs died 8/6/2016

1946 June - Joyce Schofield Fielding died 11/14/2017.

1947 June - Bob -- Robert Bailor, died 5/6/2018.

1951 - Bobbie, wife of Elbert "Al" Anders, died in 2017.

1951 - Gary Chappell died 9/30/2017.

1951 - New address for Marilyn Paetel Mauer: 222 S Evergreen Rd., Apt 323, Spokane Valley, WA 99216.

1954 - Ronald Prior died in June 2018.

1968 - New names of students: Alison, Becky, Billy Stout, Charles Johnson, Freddie, Jeannie, Jeff Aylor, Jenell, Jerry, Kathy, Kevin, Larry, Nichola, Rikky, Robert, Steven, Suzy, Teresa Rite, Zona Powell (or Howell).

1975 – New: Don Helmke, 19027 E Boone Ave, Trlr 35, Greenacres, WA 99016 and

1975 – New: Ron Helmke, 19027 E Boone Ave, Trlr 35, Greenacres, WA 99016 (twin brothers)

## Obituaries

### Class of 1935



**McDOWELL,**

**Marjorie**

**Hazel**

Passed away, at the age of 96, on November 23, 2017 at Rockwood South Hill Retirement Community in Spokane, WA. Marjorie was born in Spokane on March 4, 1921 to parents Michael Henry Roll and Edna Eunice Roll (nee' Robinson). She grew up on the South Hill in Spokane; she attended Grant Grade School (Class of 1935) and graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in June of 1939. She had fond memories of walking to Lewis and Clark down Rockwood Boulevard with neighborhood friends in all the seasons. Marjorie continued her studies at Washington State College (WSU) where she graduated in May of 1943.

After college, Marjorie worked in downtown Spokane prior to joining the WAVES, [U.S. Navy](#). She entered the WAVES February 7, 1944; after boot training she was transferred to the US Naval Training and Distribution Center in Shoemaker, CA. At Shoemaker, she worked up to the position of Chief Yeoman in Charge of Commodore O.M. Forster's office. She was directly responsible for the proper function of the entire office and was in charge of office personnel. She enjoyed the location of the base at Shoemaker and frequently spent her leave days in San Francisco. Marjorie was discharged from active duty August 13, 1946; she re-enlisted in the reserves May 9, 1947 and was discharged from the reserves November 25, 1953. After being discharged from active duty, she returned to Spokane for approximately two years, then moved back to California for two years in California. She then returned to Spokane and worked at Modern Machinery until her marriage to Jay McDowell, a native of Rockford, WA, on October 17, 1956. Marjorie and Jay lived in Rockford where he farmed, and she stayed home to raise their daughters. Marjorie was a member of several clubs and attended the Grant Alumni gatherings. She was a member of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, vegetable and flower gardening, swimming, playing the piano, genealogy, travel and reading mostly history and travel writing. Family was very important to Marjorie, and she will be greatly missed.

Marjorie is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Joyce Kirschner of Spokane and Susan Kathleen McDowell (Yuc On Ho) of Seattle; her grandson, Alan Ray McDowell of Spokane; and nephew, Rex Wampler McDowell (Ellen Rudolph Sellers McDowell) of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jay Carl McDowell.

A memorial service was held for family and friends on Thursday, December 7th, at 11 a.m., at The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Spokane. Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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### Class of 1937



**KREBS, Gloria Jean**  
**(Age 93)**

Gloria Krebs of Spokane, WA passed away on August 6, 2016 at Hospice House of Spokane. Gloria, the only child of Andrew and Mabel (Caleson) Olsen, was born on May 4, 1923 in Spokane, WA. She graduated from Grant Grade School in June 1937 and Lewis and Clark High School. She was employed by GSA for 31 years in various offices in the Spokane Area, retiring from Fairchild Air Force Base Hospital.

Gloria was married to Bruce Warner (deceased in 1968) in 1946. She married Vern "Morrie" Krebs (deceased in 2003) in 1970.

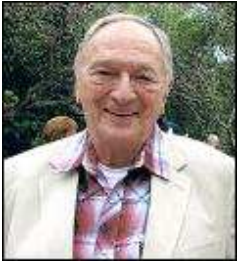
Gloria is survived by Morrie's children, Michael Krebs of Spokane, Kenneth Krebs of Portland and Diane Lukenbill of Spokane Valley. She is also survived by numerous cousins and many dear friends.

A Memorial Service was held on August 17, 2016 at Riverview Retirement Community Chapel

## Class of 1947

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### **Robert Grant BAILOR (1934 - 2018)**



Bob passed away May 6, 2018 in Loma Linda Hospital. He was born to Orville Grant Bailor and Nellie Faye Bailor (Scheffler) on July 24, 1934 in Thompson Falls, MT. The family lived in Trout Creek, MT into the 1940s when Bob's dad transferred to Spokane with the Northern Pacific RR. Bob and Ron returned to Montana every summer to live with their grandparents and shared fond memories of fishing the streams in the area. He attended Edison and **Grant** Schools and graduated from Rogers High followed by entering the Coast Guard. After a tour of duty at sea, he was stationed at Sandpoint Naval Air Station, Seattle. While stationed at Sandpoint, he met and married the love of his life Janet "Jan" Thoeni. After his Coast Guard service, Bob and Jan moved to Spokane where he worked for the NPRR while waiting to join the Spokane Police Department. As a "Rookie" walking a beat on what was then Spokane's "skid row" he had many interesting encounters and learned much that would serve him well in following years.

Retired life included fishing, relaxing, enjoying the great outdoors and driving around the country in a motorhome. On one of the trips they decided to sell their home and move to California. To the end, he never gave up. While very ill a few months back, he bought a three wheel motorcycle and made plans to hit the road with Jan on the back seat. Bob is survived by his wife Jan, daughters Lynda and Jeannie, son Robert, and brother Ronald. Bob did not want any tears or grieving but a celebration of his life and of his now being with his Lord.

## Class of 1954

### **Ronald E. PRIOR Sr. (1940 - 2018)**



**Age 77** (Died before June 3, 2018.)

Ron, born in 1940, moved with his parents Gilbert and Melvia Prior from Hutchinson, Kansas to Spokane in 1942 and lived here the rest of his life. He rebuilt his first car engine, from the family's immobile Buick, in the driveway at the age of 12. By the age of 16, he was making cars go faster and contributing to the net delinquency of Spokane County and far beyond. In spite of his brand of automotive hooliganism, he graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in 1958 and obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Whitworth University.

1966 was a big year, when he married his wife of 51+ years, Marlene Eppley, and he opened his automotive repair business -- Pro Automotive. The rest is history. From this business, he did everything there is in the automotive world -- tune-ups, engine rebuilds, race engines, restorations, and so many other things. He made everything go faster, and people from around the area (and around the country) sought his expertise and engineering acumen to make their cars go faster. His true passion was car racing, and he was a talented race car driver, builder, and engineer in everything from drag racing, road racing, dirt track and other circle track racing.

Whenever someone was ill, needed a helping hand, was sick or in hospice, Ron took whatever time was needed to support friends, acquaintances, or anyone else who needed him.

In a manner befitting his irrepressible sense of irony, Ron suffered a fatal aneurysm while placing decorations on the grave of a family friend. He passed without suffering, and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marlene; son Ron Jr. (Lisa) and daughter Lisa (Kit); sister Jana Emmett; granddaughters Emma, Rachel, Spencer, Bailey, Charlotte, Isabelle, and Delaney, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Steve and Wendell, and niece Michele.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Hospice House of Spokane. Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.





DAWSON, Ruth  
1918-2018

(Mike Nicholl ['55] had Mrs. Dawson as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)

Ruth Dawson died peacefully in her own home at Rockwood Manor on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Ruth taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Grant Grade School in the 40s and 50s and was a favorite as an elementary school teacher in Spokane, Washington. Her husband, Ted Dawson, a youthful football player in Spokane and employee of the Great Northern Railroad, predeceased her many years ago. She is survived by her daughters Deedee Wigmore and Susan Dawson . Ruth was active up until the last year of her life, shuttling between Spokane in the summer and Palm Desert with Susan in the winter. She was always sociable, a good bridge player, interested in sports, and possessed of a keen critical mind.

### Elaine Maxine (Gfeller) HARVEY (1927 - 2018)



(Age 91)

Elaine was born February 22, 1927, in Lind, WA, to Otto and Edith Gfeller and passed away peacefully June 11, 2018, in McMinnville, OR. She graduated salutatorian from Lind High School in 1945 and attended Eastern Washington State College (EWU) 1946-1949. In 1949, she married Robert C. Harvey in the Lind Methodist Church. Elaine worked for Spokane School District 81 Food Service for 32 years, retiring from Grant Elementary as Cafeteria Manager in 1992. While living in

Spokane, she became a member of Central United Methodist Church. Elaine is survived by children, Douglas (Susan) Harvey of Spokane and Terri (Gary) Owen of McMinnville, OR; four granddaughters, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, and great-grandson, Preston Evans, of San Antonio, TX. She was dedicated to her family and friends and will be missed by all. Following a private ceremony, Elaine will be returned to her family's farm in Lind.

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*Fall Luncheon - October 18, 2018 - 11:30 a.m. - at Timber Creek Grill Buffet in  
Spokane Valley, 9211 E Montgomery Avenue*

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You should be aware that for several months, when our *Alumni News* was written and distributed, it was also put on our website. If you missed a gathering and didn't receive an issue of the *Alumni News*, you can read it on our website, [www.grantschoolspokane.org](http://www.grantschoolspokane.org), if you have a computer. Today's issue is already on the website.

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## Trivia

(The following questions were in a 2013 GED exam and these are genuine answers from 16 year olds.)

Why teachers drink:

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab or Shreik wears on his head.

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

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### **Former Liberty Heights Baptist Church**



**1965 - The former Liberty Heights Baptist Church at 927 S. Perry St. is purchased for use by the Spokane Buddhist Temple. In 1992, two boys with matches burned the church, built around 1900, to the ground. They rebuilt and the new temple was dedicated in 1994.**

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On May 18, the students of Grant Elementary School enjoyed their annual "Walk in the Park" during which they walk or run around a temporary track in Grant Park. This event raises money for activities at the school.

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*Think about attending the Spaghetti Feed in October at Grant School. Good food (\$1/plate) and dancing by the Drummers and Dancers. There is also a raffle on many donated items.*