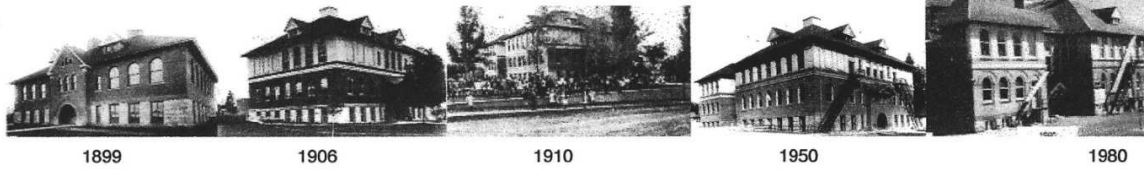


## Grant Grade School



### ALUMNI NEWS

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### **Fall Luncheon, October 18, 2018, Timber Creek Grill Buffet in Spokane Valley**

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#### 8th Grade 1954 Class



Miss Hoff and Miss Bennison, Teachers

Front Row: Kenn Lemley, Bob Crocker, Dennis Cartwright, Dick Yorioka, Mike Kiriara, Clayton Vosen, Dayl "Buddy" James, Melvin Martin, Rom Roe, Jim Ellis, Tom Clark, Roger Shaw.

Second Row: Philip Tipton, Joan Dahlen, Rose Johnson, Robert Lemley, Wayne Reasoner, Nola Kay Watson, Connie Johnson, Lavonne (Annett) Watson, Vicki Weremyczyk, Barbara Jennings, Brenda Brynildson, Nancy Shenefelt, Marcia Wigby, Dinna Linardos, Denny Hogan, Dave Hargreaves.

Third Row: G. Joanne Hoff, Teacher, Bonnie Moore, Ronald Prior, Wanda Sheldon, Jeraldine Crowe, Patty Caves, Sally Schneider, Susan Melior, Linda Bradley, Kathy Devine, Nancy Rives, Kay Ness, Carole Duran, Marlene Watson, Joan Banks, Barbara Santschi, Linda Fetzner, Eldora Engebretson, Olive W. Bennison, Teacher, Arthur G. Ewy, Principal.

Back Row: Jack Westerman, Jerry Dittrich, Sharron Adams, Andrea Hayward, Mary Brown, Gary McGeorge, Clive Goodman, Dale Johnson, Steven Lemley, Stanley Bjorklund, Nick Moore, Lanny Cammeror, Gary Veach, Mary Jo Cunningham, Lynea Schmidt, Marion Muir, Marjorie Schneider, Tom Wilkerson.

## 1954 CLASS WILL

The Last Will and Testament of the eighth grade of 1954 of the Grant School.

Kenny Lemley - - Wills his dancing ability to Paul Hammond.  
*Andrea Hayward* - - *Wills her daintiness to Karen Clarke.*  
Dick Yorioka - - Wills a ball and bat to Charles Balzer.  
*Mary Brown* - - *Wills her beauty to Adelle Jacobson.*  
Clive Goodman - - Wills a dime to Mike Nicholl.  
*Charlene Whaley* - - *Wills her polightness to Patty Hatcher.*  
Wayne Reasoner - - Wills his technique to Bill Forcier.  
*Connie Johnson* - - *Wills her drumming ability to Ara Martin.*  
Jack Westerman - - Wills his sports ability to Ronald Kellman.  
*Sharron Adams* - - *Wills her big feet to Peggy Johnson.*  
Bob Lemley - - Wills his physique to Mickey Phillips.  
*Bonnie Moore* - - *Wills her books to Judy Tee.*  
Jerry Dietrich - - Wills his desk to Tom Anderson.  
*Lynda Salter* - - *Wills her dressing ability to Jeanette Calvin.*  
Ronnie Prior - - Wills his talent of pertering teachers to Ronald Lyons.  
*Wanda Sheldon* - - *Wills her singing ability to Patsy Kissler.*  
Bob Crocker - - Wills his intelligence to Frank Rupert.  
*Pat Caves* - - *Wills her talent to Beverly James.*  
Clayton Vosen - - Wills his good vocabulary to Ronald Kellman.  
*Joan Daulen* - - *Wills her glasses to Janice Allen.*  
Steve Lemley - - Wills his good right arm to Dick Harold.  
*Linda Simpson* - - *Wills her running ability to Faith Mason.*  
Dennis Cartwright - - Wills his cafeteria job to Mike Strand.  
*Jeraldine Crowe* - - *Wills her swing to Shirley Watson.*  
Gary Mc George - - Wills his speed to Jerry Finrow.  
*Susan Melior* - - *Wills art exhibits to Sandra Hughes.*  
Philip Tipton - - Wills his good luck to David Olson.  
*Nola Kay Watson* - - *Wills her smile to Mr. Ewy.*  
Mike Karihara - - Wills his fancy footwork to Miles Gilbert.  
*Rose Johnson* - - *Wills her tallness to Mrs. Friend.*  
Dale Johnson - - Wills his mad hitting power to Dick Gengelbach.  
*Sally Schneider* - - *Wills her unusual birthmark to Junanne Watson.*  
Kathy Devine - - Wills her long hair to Evelyn Hartill.

1954 School Cheer

With a "G"  
With a G, with a G  
With a G R A.  
With a A, with a A  
With a A N T,  
G-R-A-N-T, GRANT!

## PROPHECY

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1974</u>
Sharron Adams	Housewife.	Ten kids running all over the house.
Kenny Lemley	Navy.	Has steady K.P. duty.
Clive Goodman	Millionaire.	Down on the corner with a tin cup.
Mary Brown	Actress.	She scrubs the theater floors.
Wayne Reasoner	Oil Tycoon.	Drives an oil truck.
Pat Caves	Woman Detective.	Still shooting around.
Jeraldine Crowe	Woman Doctor.	Running a cat and dog hospital.
Jack Westerman	Play Professional Baseball.	Still trying to get to first base.
Joan Daulen	Nurse in Surgery Department.	Butcher at U.R.M. Market.
Jerry Dietrich	Army.	Still in Boot Camp.
Ronnie Prior	Electrician.	He's really a shock.
Kathy Devine	Stenographer.	Married the box.
Andrea Hayward	Newspaper Reporter.	She writes the comic strips.
Bob Crocker	Comedian.	Telling jokes to his children.
Connie Johnson	Farmers Wife.	Full of Hay.
Susan Melior	Artist.	Peddling Pictures.
Bonnie Moore	Arline Hostess.	Works behind the Airline lunch counter.
Clayton Vosen	Young Scientist.	Old Scientist.
Steve Lemley	Writes about pilots.	Still shooting the breeze.
Lynda Salter	Teacher.	Realizes she made a big mistake.
Denny Cartwright	Carpenter.	Still hammering away.
Sally Schneider	Trying to be a Pathologist.	Still trying.
Gary Mc George	Pilot Technician.	Flying high.
Wanda Sheldon	Dancer in Movies.	She dances for P.T.A.
Linda Simpson	WAC.	Gone Wacy.
Philip Tipton	Pathologist.	Still following his path.
Rose Johnson	Receptionist.	Polishes the office furniture.
Dale Johnson	Chewing Gum Salesman.	All stuck up.
Mike Kiriara	Mechanic.	He fixes his children's toys.
Bob Lemley	Electrician.	He changes the light bulbs when they blow out.
Nola Kay Watson	Singer.	In Central Park chirping with the birds.
Charlene Whaley	Secretary.	Uses two fingers to type
Dick Yorioka	Mechanic.	He's working madly away on our 1964 Jets.

## 1954 CLASS HISTORY

In 1946 nine children began their kindergarten class at Grant. Four were added a year later. There were no additions in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but one was added in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Two more students were added in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and two more in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sixth grade found three more new students, six more came in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and, lastly, six more came in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to make a total of 33 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Fourteen went from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades together.

### Words about meeting Jack Westerman

The 1954 class, who then graduated from Lewis & Clark High School in 1958, had their 60<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion the weekend of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Jack Westerman, the President of this class, who organized this reunion, made arrangements to meet with Jim and Carolee following their reunion. He also brought with him several pages from the 1954 graduation program and we are sharing some of those with you today.

### REMEMBER:

1952-53 was the first year that Grant Grade School had a gymnasium/cafeteria.

1953-54 (the picture on the first page) was the class that said Grant teams needed a mascot. They chose Grant Huskies – that now you see worn today by students and alumni. So now we know the answer to the question that many alumni had: “When did Grant become Grant Huskies?”

### \*\*\*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. He has a few copies. We are trying to keep all the changes up-to-date.

Class of 1954 – Deceased – Ruth Dawson, Teacher

Class of 1963 – Deceased -- Joan Hoagland Ressa

Class of 1967 – New phone number -- Russell Habbestad – 509-218-2441

Class of 1969 – Deceased – Marie Courchaine, Teacher

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### Vandalism

On Monday night, August 20, vandals targeted the community gardens in Grant Park. Vegetables in the raised beds were maturing. Forty-two of the 44 garden plots sustained damage. The vandals did about \$2,500 worth of damage!!

\*\*\**NOTICE: The Grant School Spaghetti Feed that is normally held in October will NOT be held this year.*

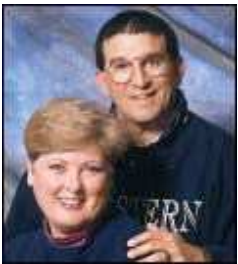
## Obituaries

Listed with Class of 1954: Teacher, Ruth Dawson, 1918-2018



Ruth Dawson, a favorite as an elementary school [teacher](#) in Spokane, Washington died peacefully in her own home at Rockwood Manor on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. 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 (President of D. Wigmore Fine Art in New York City) and Susan Dawson (Santa Rosa, California). 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.

## **Class of 1963**



**RESSA,**  
Joan Ellen Hoagland  
(Age 69)

Joan Ellen Ressa passed away peacefully the morning of July 24, 2018 in the presence of her family. Joan was born November 27, 1948 and lived her entire life in Spokane. Joan worked as a secretary for the Central Valley School District for 28 years where she earned the nickname "St. Joan". She will be remembered for her smile, for her genuineness and compassion, but most of all for her kindness. We all knew how amazing Joan was in life. We got to see how truly amazing she was in the final fight of her life. Joan Ressa was many things to many people. To her family she will always be remembered as "Nonna". To everyone else that was lucky enough to know her and spend time with her she will be remembered as "friend". She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Don Ressa; her children, Tony Ressa and Amy "Joan Clone" (Steve) Wohl; grandchildren Gracie and Nolan Wohl and Livia and Mia Ressa; her mother Ruth "Gigi" Harris; sister Jan (Scott) Fink; brother Jim (Brenda) Hoagland and many other loving family members. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the Valley Real Life Church.



**Teacher at Grant – 1969-2006 – Listed with Class of 1969**

**COURCHAINED, Marie L. (Hendrickson)**  
**November 27, 1943 - September 27, 2018.**

Marie suddenly went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 27, 2018. Marie was born in Spokane, Washington on November 27, 1943. She attended Jefferson and Franklin Elementary Schools and graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in 1962. Marie met the love of her life, Kenneth R. Courchaine in 1968 and the couple married on July 12, 1969. They were married for 49 years and raised three children while living in the Spokane Valley.

Marie taught elementary school for 40 years. She began her teaching career at Spokane Lutheran then moved to South Bend, Indiana where she taught one year at Perley Elementary.

**Marie spent the remaining 37 years of her career teaching at Grant Elementary School in Spokane—from 1969-2006.** During her career, she impacted thousands of students in the classroom and her influence continued throughout their lives. Marie never allowed a child to be left out or slip through the system. She was an exemplary teacher who held her students to the highest of expectations--yet catered to and loved each student. **A legend at Grant Elementary**, Marie went above and beyond her call of duty. Marie poured her heart into teaching. She was the perfect epitome of a teacher.

Marie's other great love was her family. Her life revolved around her children and grandchildren's events. She spent 15 years as a retiree in Arizona enjoying Mariners Spring Training, Super Bowl in Arizona, trips to Disneyland and Huntington Beach. She loved to "visit" and turn the TV off. Marie left us all too quickly. Marie Louise is survived by her husband: Ken; daughters, Kari Rockom (Pete), Kristen Wilson (Dave); son, Geoff Courchaine; grandchildren, Kendyll, Kayla, Zachary, Hannah, Nathan; cousins, Gwen Hovland, Cathy Spencer (Bill); Half-Sister, Alycia Meridth, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death, father Ernest Hendrickson, mother Lorraine (Wiebers) Hendrickson; sister, Jean; brothers, Jim and Terry. No memorial at this time per Marie's wishes. Close family and friends will gather for a memorial at a later date. In lieu of flowers or other offerings, please consider making donations in Marie Courchaine's honor to Spokane's Grant Elementary School Students. Donations to: Team Grant, 1300 E. 9th Avenue, Spokane, WA. 99202.

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*Spring Luncheon - April 18, 2019 - 11:30 a.m. - at Timber Creek Grill Buffet in  
Spokane Valley, 9211 E Montgomery Avenue*

*Summer Picnic - July 27, 2019, 11:30 a.m. -- at Grant Park*

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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. We have paid for the website for the next year—November 2018 through October 2019.

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We have communicated with Mike Fowler, son of '51 grad Lanny Fowler (deceased), who lives in Charlotte, N.C. He and his family have weathered both hurricane Florence and Michael. During Florence they lost power for three days, and there was lots of rain with both.