



GLEN ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '60

By Classmate Dewey E. Fox

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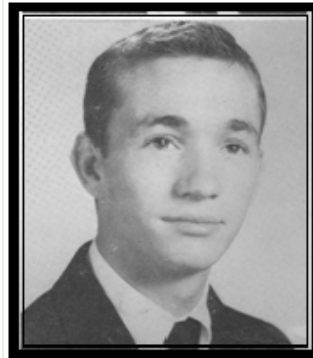
This 1960 Class Newsletter is an attempt to keep in contact with our classmates and update their happenings in life.

THIRTEENTH CLASSMATE HAS FALLEN

Website to Browse:

www.deweyfox.com

Tom Epley, dies January 14, 2006.



Tom is our 13th classmate that has fallen. He died the afternoon of Saturday, January 14, 2006. He was 63 years old.

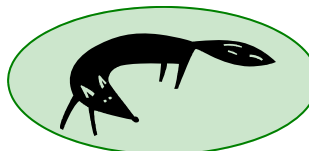
Tom was an electrician, but had to retire and go on disability early due to his health conditions. He had several heart attacks and suffered with leukemia cancer. As you may remember

Tom was not able to attend our 43rd Year Class Reunion in 2003 due to his health. He told me that he didn't go anywhere anymore due to his health conditions. I corresponded with him several times on the phone as well as the mail. He mailed me some pictures he had done with a homemade color filter over his camera lens, which made a very interesting image on the pictures I observed.

Tom also loved his two parrots, Chantaclare and Perteloe. If you remember they were the continued page 3

If you choose to be off this mailing list, please let me know. No questions asked.

Please send me any news you may have and your email address for faster updates.



Change Email Addresses:

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Returned Mail— Need New
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Should we be thinking of a Grand Reunion for everyone that has ever graduated from old G.A.H.S.???? "Comments."

Photo by Dewey Fox



Winter 2005 Ice Storm
 On Nandina Shrub

CONTINUED HAPPENINGS AND MESSAGES FROM CLASSMATES OF 1960

Avis ANDERSON brother dies:

Avis ANDERSON Kehoe's brother, Travis Anderson dies December 29, 2005 at the age of 58. You may remember him, he was five years younger than Avis. As you know Avis died in 1995. There were only two children in the family, Avis and Travis. As of this writing their mother is still living in the same house below the ball field in Glen Alpine. She has outlived both of her children. We need to pray for her; Mrs. Pearl Anderson Deaton. As you may know Mrs. Anderson married Pat Deaton's father after her first husband died. I think Mr. Deaton is also deceased.

You may view all our deceased classmates at:
www.deweyfox.com/deceasedclassmateinfo.htm

Email from Pat Deaton in response to my questions:

Travis had not been sick. He and his wife had spent Christmas day with his mother (Pearl) and her friend. They had a wonderful day together and everybody was well and happy.

That's why only Wed. evening of that week came the shocking news that Travis had died.

He had worked that day and when he got home, he was living in Boone with his wife, Sandy.

It was snowing up there so Travis got on his four wheeler and went up in the woods to feed corn to the deer, came back home, had dinner, read for a while and went to bed. His wife heard him about 3:00 am in the bathroom trying to get his breathe, she called 911, but by the time they got there he was gone.

His funeral service was in Boone, then they brought the body back to Glen Alpine and had grave side services there and buried him with his father.

Yes, my daddy and Pearl were married for many years. She is a good woman, she was so good and took such good care of my daddy, he passed away in 1996. This is one of those situations where such bad things happen to someone so good, they don't come any better!!!

Dewey, I will certainly stop by to see you next time I am in town.

Bless you for all you do.

Pat

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late." Benjamin Franklin

"When I'm 64....."

I will be 64 in September. I can't believe it! People ask me how does it feel to be getting older? I don't know, I've never been 64 before. As far as my mind and thinking is concerned, I think the same as I used to. I don't know how a 64 year old man is to think, but for some reason I feel that I think like a younger man of 64 or even think as I did in my twenties or thirties or maybe forties, except for when I try to do the things I used to do in my younger years. I do them, but it takes a lot longer; I call it "maturity."

As age 64 you go for "Quality" not "Quantity." How many out there will agree?

Most of you guys in our class have probably already turned 64 or even 65 or 66. I was on of the younger ones in the class. (That's the reason I didn't do very good in school.) I was still maturing as a teen-ager, didn't have time for class work and other foolishness.

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Update on the Class of 60 Website—Best to view all

An addition to the Class of 60 website,
"Comments from 1956"
www.deweyfox.com/commentsmadein1956.htm

The deceased classmates have been updated, we now have 13 classmates that have fallen, see:
www.deweyfox.com/deceasedclassmateinfo.htm

An addition to the Class of 60 website is "Memories" A walk down the way it once was!! Go to the web at
www.deweyfox.com/memories.htm

An addition to the Class of 60 website is "Disappearing Words," some of the words that we used to use in the old days! Go to the web at
www.deweyfox.com/disappearingwords.htm

What was the #1 Song in 1959? See Page 4

“Tom Epley and Charlie Brown Song”

In a conversation with Roland Carpenter; he said that Tom Epley’s favorite song was “Charlie Brown.” He walked the halls of good old GAHS humming the words. It got me to thinking (explosion) about the words of that song. Would they fit Tom’s humorous personality?

Who's always writing on the wall
 Who's always goofing in the hall
 Who's always throwing spit balls
 Guess who (who, me) yeah, you
 Who walks in the classroom, cool and slow
 Who calls the English teacher, Daddy-O
 Charlie Brown, Charlie Brown
 He's a clown, that Charlie Brown
 He's gonna get caught
 Just you wait and see
 (Why's everybody always pickin' on me)
Just substitute the words
Tom Epley in place of Charlie Brown.
You be the Judge!
 The “Charlie Brown” song was
 #41 of the top 100 songs in 1959.

Recent Deaths of “Class of 1960” Loved Ones-

1. Jessie Poteat Patton, 86, of Morganton went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 02, 2006. The mother of Priscilla PATTON Fletcher.
2. John H. Wells, 69, of Morganton died unexpectedly Saturday, April 08, 2006. He was the brother of Tom Wells.
3. Vivian Benfield Duckworth, 83, of Morganton, died Thursday, April 27, 2006. She was the mother our Nancy DUCKWORTH Arrowood.

~ For more detailed information you may check out www.morganton.com which is the website of the local newspaper; “The News Herald.”

from page 1 Tom Epley

featured photo by Tom Epley in the October 2004 Class Newsletter.

Tom had mailed me a four page hand written letter sometime in the summer of 2004. He started the letter out “Hey Do-Do,” this is what he called me back at old Glen Alpine. Only him and a few other people knew that name. I guess it was easier to say Do-Do than it was Dewey. Anyway I responded.

In elementary school Tom and I would get into lead pencil fights, you may remember them. One day during recess we were lead pencil fighting and he jobbed the lead of a pencil into my finger. Still today, I have a dark lead spot in my finger where the lead broke off in the finger. To remember Tom, I only have to look at my finger on my right hand. You might say he left his mark on me.

Tom left behind three children and three grandchildren. Most of them live in the Charlotte area.

As of this writing the understanding is, Tom was cremated and had graveside services at Mountain View Church on the Dysartville Road on May 6, 2006. I was out of town and not able to attend. We will miss him and his humor, which I understand he never lost, even in his last moments.

Man Of The House

The husband had just finished reading the book “MAN OF THE HOUSE.”

He stormed into the kitchen and walked directly up to his wife. Pointing a finger in her face, he said, “From now on, I want you to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law!

“I want you to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I’m finished eating my meal, I expect a sumptuous dessert. Then, after dinner, you are going to draw me my bath so I can relax. And when I’m finished with my bath, guess who’s going to dress me and comb my hair?”

His wife replied, “The funeral director would be my guess.”

Author Unknown

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Turning 64 reminded me of the song by "The Beatles," written by Paul McCartney and released in 1967. The chorus goes,..... "will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty-four?" Written by a much younger McCartney; he was looking into the future and wondering what it would be like to be 64. Will he still be wanted? Probably imagining like you and I that we someday or another would never be this old. His outlook of older people was somewhat mundane; singing of knitting sweaters, Sunday rides, gardening, and digging weeds. We probably all do these things, but as I observe older people, and I count myself, they are very active in jobs, family, charities and giving back to the future generations, as well as other important matters. I don't seem to know any sixty-plus friends that sit down and do nothing. Most of these type people I talk to can't seem to get everything done that's on their plate; they're busy.

The good news is that statistically, if you are already 65 you can expect to live to age 83. If you lived in the year 1900, your average lifespan would have been to age 47.



We are not elderly, frail, tired or tired.
We still want to change the world.
(Of course, to our way of thinking.)

Your Classmate: **Dewey Fox**

If you forgot what this song sounds like, the website is in some foreign language, but the music is in English. See the web at www.whenim64.info, click "Radio64" icon at top of page.

Answer to question on Page 3

1. **Mack The Knife** by **Bobby Darin**

"Bring back any memories?"



A Living Will

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her,

"Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV & computer, disconnected his internet and threw out all of his beer.



January 31, 2006: This is what is left of the Synthron chemical plant that blow up in Morganton killing one person. A miracle that others were not killed. The blast was heard as far away as Lincolnton, some 35/40 miles. A house and church that was close by are still not repaired due to the blast. The plant is/was located at intersection of Amherst Road and Kirksey Drive By-pass. June 2006

BIG WAYS 630 AM Radio in Hickory—

If you are located or in the area I have found an "Oldies" radio station that plays our kind of music. You can actually understand what they are saying in the songs. You remember the days. Lyrics like, "High school bop, GGOs, that's all I need, let's go do the hop, if it doesn't workout." And then they throw a little "Elvis" in every now and then. I don't recommend it ahead of a Christian radio station but the songs certainly brought back a lot of memories and songs I hadn't heard in decades.

